



KEEPING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

At The Village Storytelling Centre we care about you and your family. We want you to:

ENJOY OUR
STORYTELLING
PROJECTS

STAY
SAFE
AND
WELL

HAVE A SAY IN
YOUR
COMMUNITY AND
THE ISSUES THAT
AFFECT YOU

THRIVE
AND FEEL
HAPPY

We have created this leaflet to help you understand what we do to keep you safe.

QUICK FACTS

- ➔ Safeguarding is any action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm
- ➔ Child Protection is the help given to children who are being harmed or at risk of harm
- ➔ A child means everyone under 18
- ➔ All children have the right to be safe, and live free from harm
- ➔ All children have the right to be listened to and taken seriously
- ➔ We are all responsible for keeping children safe from harm, whatever our job
- ➔ Under the UN Convention on the rights of the Child, each right must be treated with equal value. Full details can be found [here](#)

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:

If you are being harmed or are worried about something, you can talk to us. If you tell us something and we are worried about your safety we will speak to someone who can help you. This might be your parent, carer, teacher, headteacher, social worker or, if we are very concerned that someone is harming you, we might ask the police to help.

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS:

We have a detailed Safeguarding policy with clear procedures for our staff and volunteers. This can be found on our website or you can request a paper copy. If you would like one of our staff team to go through this policy and procedures with you please let us know and we can arrange that. We are happy to help.

HOW WE KEEP YOU SAFE

- ➔ We choose our staff and volunteers carefully and all of them must be part of the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme
- ➔ All our staff and volunteers take part in training so that they understand your needs, your rights and can provide support when you or your family need it
- ➔ We make sure there are always at least two staff members to deliver our groups
- ➔ We listen to children, young people and families carefully and include them when we are creating our projects or making changes
- ➔ We work with our partners, such as schools and other organisations, to better understand your needs and keep you safe
- ➔ We have a Safeguarding Officer - her name is Helen, you might see her in the office sometimes and you can speak to her there, email her on helen@villagestorytelling.org.uk or phone 0141 882 3025

CONCERNS

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY A STAFF MEMBER IS BEHAVING OR TREATING YOU, PLEASE SPEAK TO HELEN.

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