

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

Appletree After School Club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children in its care.

The safety and welfare of the child is paramount.

All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, racial origin, language and religious belief have the right to be safe and protected from abuse.

In any situation where we are concerned that a child might be at risk of abuse, our first responsibility and priority is towards the child. All staff, trainees and volunteers have a legal obligation to promote the child's safety and welfare. If any member of staff or volunteer is concerned about a child's safety or welfare, believes that a child is in need, is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm they must discuss it with their Child Protection Officer without delay.

If necessary the Child Protection Officer or Club Co-ordinator will implement our Safeguarding procedures. We will discuss our concerns with the child's parents providing this would not put the child at risk of further harm. In such instances there may be a referral to Social Care and/or the Police and Ofsted.

All children and their families have a right to confidentiality (see Confidentiality Statement for more details). Information may be shared, with consent, when appropriate, although we may still share information where consent is not given if in our judgement it is in the best interests of the child's safety and wellbeing.

Should any parent be under the influence or drink or drugs when collecting their child Appletree reserves the right to deny access and contact a second authorised person.