



SAFEGUARDING POLICY

East Clandon Parish Council acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults using or receiving services provided or commissioned by East Clandon Parish Council.

The purpose of this Policy is to protect and promote the welfare of the children, young people and adults using or receiving services provided or commissioned by East Clandon Parish Council and support the Council, its officers, elected members and volunteers in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities. East Clandon Parish Council is not a Children's Services Authority and it is not the role of the Council to investigate allegations of abuse. However all Elected Members, employees, volunteers and contracted service providers have a clear responsibility to take action when they suspect or recognise that a child, young person, or vulnerable adult may be a victim of significant harm or abuse.

Promoting a safe environment

In order to promote a safe environment for children, young people or vulnerable adults East Clandon Parish Council will:

- Provide safe facilities and undertake regular safety assessment as part of the risk management arrangements.
- Maintain channels of communication with leaders of groups involving children, young people and vulnerable adults in conducting Parish Council business and any associated projects.
- Suspicion of abuse will be responded to promptly and appropriately.
- Deal with any concern raised by a Member, employee, volunteer or contracted service provider or member of the public appropriately and sensitively.
- Not tolerate harassment of any Member, employee, volunteer, contracted service provider or child, young person or vulnerable adult who raises concerns of abuse or neglect.
- Prevent abuse by using good practice to create a safe and healthy environment and avoid situations where abuse or allegations of abuse could occur.
- When using parish facilities for children, young people or vulnerable adults to ensure that the user complies with the insurance arrangements and adequate adult supervision is provided. To share the Code of Conduct to ensure users are prepared to comply with it.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed periodically or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or governance guidance
- as a result of any other significant change or event

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