

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association (TPRAA)

Charity Number: 1104255

Child Protection Policy Statement

The TPRAA acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

This statement recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic background, all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of play provided by the TPRAA and are able to do so in a safe and child friendly environment;
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in play at our facility. Adults with responsibility for children have a moral and legal duty for the care, especially as the play area is not supervised by Trustees.

As part of our safeguarding statement the TPRAA will:

- Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people through the signage at the play area.
- Ensure all Trustees and contractors understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding.
- Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern; this would involve working with a child's parents and or liaising with the Police.
- Following any incident reported to a Trustee, s/he would ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored;
- Prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals;
- Work collaboratively and collectively with other village and non-organisations in order to develop and maintain safeguarding for children and young people.

This Child Protection Statement will be promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in or with the TPRAA. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay.

Principles

The general principles that the TPRAA will follow are:

- The child's welfare is of paramount consideration;

- All young people, whatever their age, culture, any disability they may have, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse;
- A young person is recognised as being under the age of 18 years (Children's Act 1989 definition);
- Adults with responsibility for children have a moral and legal duty for the care;
- All young people have the right to participate in the play in an enjoyable and safe environment;
- Young people have the right to expect appropriate support in accordance with their personal and social development in relation to their involvement in play;
- Confidentiality should be upheld in line with the Data Protection Act 1998, Human Rights Act 2000 and General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 May 2018