



Greenmount Village Community

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# **Child and Young People's Safeguarding Policy Greenmount Village Community Volunteers**

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## Introduction:

This policy is to make sure that Greenmount Village Community has all the right things in place to protect and safeguard children.

Greenmount Village Community believes in protecting a child's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. This policy sets out the roles and responsibilities of Greenmount Village Community in working together in promoting the child's welfare and safeguarding them from abuse and neglect. Volunteers should be made aware of how this policy can be accessed.

Greenmount Village Community is committed to following the Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures of the Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership

This policy and related procedures are applicable to the volunteers of Greenmount Village Community. Failure to comply with the policy and related procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in exclusion from the organisation as a volunteer.

## Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in England. A summary of the key legislation and guidance is available from [nspcc.org.uk/child-protection](http://nspcc.org.uk/child-protection).

## We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

## We recognise that:

- the welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the
- decisions we take • working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues

- extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse.

## **We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:**

- valuing, listening to and respecting them
- appointing a nominated child protection lead for children and young people, and a lead trustee for safeguarding
- adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for our volunteers
- developing and implementing an effective online safety policy and related procedures
- providing effective training so volunteers know about and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently
- recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- recording and storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance
- sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions
- making sure that children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern
- using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately
- using our procedures to manage any allegations against volunteers appropriately
- ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place
- ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- building a safeguarding culture where volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.



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### Bury Council Children's Services

Customer Contact Centre on 0161 253 5000 or on 0161 253 6606 outside of these hours. Service available Monday to Friday, 8.45am to 5.30pm or email [childcareservices@bury.gov.uk](mailto:childcareservices@bury.gov.uk)

**NSPCC Helpline** 0808 800 5000

### Police

Emergency – 999

Non-emergency – 101

Telephone: 0808 2000 247

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