

Easter Camp Safeguarding Policy

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ORGANISATION DETAILS

Name: Easter Camp Committee

Committee Chair Address:

c/o 164 Britten Road

Basingstoke

RG22 4HR

Denomination / Organisation:

Christian Science Committee for “Easter Camp”

CONTEXT

Easter Camp UK is an annual event dedicated to promoting Christian Science in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. It is open to all ages. Children and young people under the age of 16 must be accompanied by their parent or carer at all times.

Easter Camp is a self-catered event. Accommodation is provided in static caravans. A wide range of activities is offered, all of which are planned and delivered with the welfare of children and young people as a priority.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Christian Science Committee for “Easter Camp” (hereafter referred to as Easter Camp) recognises the importance of its work with children and young people and its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of all children and young people involved in Easter Camp events and activities.

Easter Camp is committed to:

- Valuing, listening to, and respecting children and young people
- Promoting their welfare and protection
- Providing a safe environment for all attendees

- Ensuring safe recruitment, supervision, and training of all volunteers and committee members
- Adopting clear procedures for responding to safeguarding concerns
- Supporting those affected by abuse

RULE FOR MOTIVES AND ACTS

In all the above, guidance is sought from *The Rule for Motives and Acts* as stated in the Manual of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts (Article VIII, Section 1) by Mary Baker Eddy:

Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment should impel the motives or acts of the members of The Mother Church. In Science, divine Love alone governs man; and a Christian Scientist reflects the sweet amenities of Love, in rebuking sin, in true brotherliness, charitableness, and forgiveness. The members of this Church should daily watch and pray to be delivered from all evil, from prophesying, judging, condemning, counselling, influencing or being influenced erroneously.

SAFEGUARDING PRINCIPLES

Easter Camp:

- Recognises the need to provide a safe and caring environment for children and young people
- Has a deep concern for the well-being and wholeness of all individuals
- Seeks to safeguard the welfare of all, regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or identity
- Has therefore adopted the procedures set out in this policy

This policy is written in line with **Keeping Children Safe in Education (latest statutory guidance)** and relevant safeguarding legislation and best practice.

This policy is available on request and will be reviewed annually and prior to each event.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The DSL has overall responsibility for safeguarding at Easter Camp, including:

- Receiving and managing safeguarding concerns

- Liaising with local safeguarding partners and statutory agencies
- Ensuring records are kept securely
- Providing advice and guidance to volunteers and committee members

In the absence of a DSL, safeguarding concerns must be escalated to the Committee Chair without delay.

RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES

If a child or young person discloses information that raises a safeguarding concern:

- Listen carefully and remain calm
- Do not promise confidentiality
- Reassure the child that they have done the right thing
- Avoid asking leading questions
- Explain what will happen next
- Report the concern as soon as possible to the DSL or Committee Chair

A written record must be completed as soon as possible and stored securely.

RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING CONCERNs

All safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately to the DSL or, if unavailable, the Committee Chair.

Where necessary, referrals will be made to:

- **The local authority children's services relevant to the event location**, or
- The Police, if a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm

Concerns will be shared strictly on a **need-to-know basis**. Written records will be kept securely and confidentially.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ADULTS

Any allegation or concern regarding the conduct of a volunteer or committee member must be reported immediately to the DSL or Committee Chair.

If the concern relates to the DSL or Committee Chair, the matter must be referred directly to the relevant Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for the event location.

SAFER RECRUITMENT, DBS & TRAINING

DBS Checks

- All volunteers working directly with children and young people **and all committee members** are required to hold an **Enhanced Volunteer DBS check**
- DBS checks are **conducted annually**
- DBS checks are administered via **uCheck**

Training

- All volunteers and committee members must complete **mandatory safeguarding training annually**
- Training must be approved by the Easter Camp Committee
- Volunteers must confirm they have read and understood this safeguarding policy prior to each event

SUPERVISION & SUPPORT

- Safeguarding support will be available throughout each Easter Camp event
- Following any disclosure or safeguarding incident, appropriate support will be offered to those involved

POLICY REVIEW & SIGN-OFF

This policy will be reviewed annually and prior to each Easter Camp event.

Signed on behalf of the Easter Camp Committee

Name: Hannah Sentinella

Role: **Chair of the Committee**

Signature: 
Date: 07/01/2026
