

Safeguarding Policy

**The purpose and scope of this policy statement**

Mindful Kids Cornwall works with children within schools, predominantly in Cornwall. Mindful Kids Cornwall delivers the Paws b and .b mindfulness courses developed by The Mindfulness in Schools Project (registered charity 1168992 England and Wales).

The purpose of this policy statement is:

• to protect children and young people who receive Mindful Kids Cornwall’s services.

• to provide parents and those who deliver our services with the overarching principles that guide our approach to child protection.

This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Mindful Kids Cornwall, including paid workers, volunteers and students.

**Legal framework**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of 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/childprotection.

**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 the child is paramount

• all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have a right to equal 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

• working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers, schools and other agencies is essential in promoting young people’s welfare

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

• valuing, listening to and respecting them

• familiarizing ourselves with the child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures in every school in which we work, including the name and contact information for the school’s DSL and deputy.

• using our safeguarding procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately

• creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we are aware of the policy and procedure of the school in which we are working

• ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for children, young people, workers and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance

• recording and storing information professionally and securely

• if appropriate sharing information about child protection and safeguarding best practice with children, their families, workers and volunteers via one-to-one discussions

• recruiting any workers and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made

• sharing the content of this policy with any workers and volunteers

• using our procedures to manage any allegations against workers and volunteers appropriately

• ensuring that we have effective complaints measures in place

• ensuring that we undergo regular safeguarding training

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We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

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