

## Safeguarding Policy Statement

Tilehurst Junior Youth Club believes that it is always unacceptable for a child or young person to experience abuse of any kind and recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people, by a commitment to practice which protects them.

### We recognise that:

- the welfare of the child/young person is paramount
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and their agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.


### The purpose of the policy:

- to provide protection for the children and young people who receive Tilehurst Junior Youth Club services.
- to provide staff and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm.
- this policy applies to all paid staff, volunteers, management committee members, or anyone working on behalf of Tilehurst Junior Youth Club.

### We will seek to safeguard children and young people by:

- valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- recruiting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, staff and volunteers.
- sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and
- involving parents and children appropriately.
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through briefings, support and training.

**The clubs "designated person" to whom all child protection/safeguarding concerns should be referred in the first place is Dennis Morgan, the Club Co-ordinator. Tel: 07733 112291 Email: tilehurstjuniorclub@yahoo.co.uk**

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Signed on behalf of the management committee		
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Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)	<u>Acting Chair</u>	