

Abingdon Silver Group child and young adult safeguarding policy

Introduction

Abingdon Silver Group (ASG) is small club for solely for adults and so care or support of children or young adults is not part of its normal practices. ASG does not provide services to children, and club members will not be responsible for supervising children (other than their own children) at any time while on school premises attending club events.

However, it is possible that ASG may occasionally come into contact with individuals who would fit into this category and so have a responsibility to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

Situations where contact with children or young adults may occur are;

1. Where supervised children are on the school premises out of normal school hours and venture into the workshop while the club is in attendance (unlikely occurrence)
2. Where children accompany their parents to an open evening or other ASG event (occasional occurrence)

ASG also have a responsibility to the group members who may encounter children or young adults while attending the club. Ensuring they may do so, without being put at risk from being placed in potentially compromising situations or subject to allegations.

Policy

ASG acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of any children or young adults that it may come into contact with and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice complying with best practice and the school/Trust requirements.

As part of our safeguarding policy ASG will;

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of any children and young people that it may come into contact with.
- Ensure that if any school children enter the workshop, or are near the workshop premises, that the nominated responsible person (or their deputy) seeks out their supervisor to inform them and act accordingly.
- ensure that if any member brings their child/children along to an ASG event or open evening, that they take full responsibility as the supervising parent.
- Refer any allegation about inappropriate behaviour to the Designated Officer for the Local Authority (LADO) within 24 hours and before taking any action and support the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern.

This policy will be widely promoted and mandatory for everyone involved in ASG. It will be circulated to all current members, and provided to all new joiners, as necessary.

Club members will not be responsible for supervising children or young adults at any time (other than their own children) while on school premises attending club events, therefore there is no need to carry out DBS checks on club members.

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Monitoring

The policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in school/Trust requirements
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

Nominated responsible person

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