



Child Protection Policy Statement

Coxleigh Barton has considered its responsibilities to the children participating in riding activities at our premises very carefully, and therefore has produced the following child protection policy and accompanying procedures in order to set out the standards we wish to uphold in running activities for children and in safeguarding the welfare of young people in our care.

POLICY STATEMENT

Coxleigh Barton acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all children (defined as those under 18) involved in activities at Coxleigh Barton. All children have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account. Coxleigh Barton will therefore endeavour to ensure the safety and protection of all children on site involved with activities. It is the responsibility of all adults within Coxleigh Barton to assist in achieving this aim.

POLICY AIMS

- To provide children with the appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of Coxleigh Barton and also enjoy their experience of the sport.
- To reassure parents that their children will receive the best care possible whilst participating in activities.
- To provide support to staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively.

PRINCIPLES

- The welfare of the children is paramount
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicious and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- All staff and volunteers working in sport have responsibility to report concerns to the lead child protection officer.
- Adults – staff, volunteers, coaches will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regards to the duty of care and protection of children and young people.

- Individuals will receive support through education and training to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may come to light.
- Coxleigh Barton will work in partnership with parents to review and implement child protection and welfare procedures.

Coxleigh Barton's policy and procedures are based on the above principles and UK and international legislation and government guidelines and take the following into consideration:

The Children Act 1989

The Protection of Children Act 1999

The Police Act 1997

The Criminal and court Services Act 2000

The Human Rights Act 1998

The Data Protection Act 1994 & 1998

RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMUNICATION

Coxleigh Barton Child Protection Policy will be available to all members, parents, staff, volunteers and participants.

- The policy will be reviewed every three years by the management and amended as appropriate.
- The management and staff at Coxleigh Barton has responsibility for ensuring that the policy and procedures are implemented, including taking any appropriate disciplinary action necessary.
- Parents have a responsibility to work together with Coxleigh Barton in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to safeguard themselves.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS

If anyone has any concerns or worries about yourself or others then please do not put this off but speak to someone about it. There are several ways in which you can do this. The Safe Guarding Officer for Coxleigh Barton is Jo Gay if however, you felt unable to speak to Jo Gay you could contact Nancy Hutchings.

Their contact numbers are Jo 07775880398

Nancy 07807049207.

If you felt it was more appropriate or you wanted to speak to someone else there are several ways in which you can do this.

Devon County Council (M.A.S.H) 0345 155 1071 – If you have urgent safeguarding concerns over a child.

NSPCC helpline 24/7 – 0808 800 5000 – If you're worried about a child/unsure but want to speak to a professional counsellor about the situation.

18 and under 0800 1111 - Childline free and confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help.

Whistle Blowing Advice line – 0800 028 0285 Support for professionals who are worried about children in the work place.

WHAT WE WILL DO

We will listen and take seriously any concerns or worries shared.

We will reassure you that you are doing the right thing by telling someone about it and sharing it.

We will record the information you share as a report as quickly as possible to the Safeguarding Officer who will decide what further action will need to be taken. Or if the Safeguarding Officer is unavailable we will share this information to the appropriate external agency and will include a record of the time, date and persons present.

If we have urgent concerns about the safety of a child and are unable to contact the Safeguarding Officer, we will contact immediately the appropriate Children's Services as listed above or the police. These external agencies will be able to determine an appropriate course of action.

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice every 3 years.

This policy was last reviewed on (Date)

Signed