

BARLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Child Protection Policy



Barlestone Parish Council is committed to ensuring that children and young people are protected and kept safe from harm whilst they are engaged in any activity associated with the council and to establishing the following principles:

- 1 This policy covers Parish Councillors, their staff and any volunteers working for them.
 - Anyone under the age of 18 is considered to be a child
 - The welfare of the child is paramount
 - All children and young people without exception have the right to protection from abuse and for their rights, feelings and views to be respected.
 - All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately and reported for investigation to Leicestershire Social Health and Care Department or the police

- 2 **Aims**

Ensure that any allegations made by a child are not allowed to go unchallenged, and that any allegations and suspicions are investigated by Leicestershire County Council Social and Health Care Department or the Police and are recorded and acted upon promptly.

 - Ensure that all new employees, volunteers will be provided with the Child Protection Policy and asked to sign to confirm that they understand it and will abide by it.

Any information regarding allegations should be relayed to the Clerk who will then contact the Leicestershire County Council Social and Health care Department or the Police.

