



# Love Linn Park

## **Safeguarding Policy June 2018**

This Policy applies to our management committee, all members and volunteers or anyone working on behalf of Friends of Linn Park.

The purpose of this policy:

To protect children and young people who are members of or volunteer with Friends of Linn Park, and any other children or young people who attend an event arranged by Friends of Linn Park.

To provide our members and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

## **Legal Framework**

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely;

Children Act 1989

United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991

Data Protection Act 1998

Human Rights Act 1998

Sexual Offences Act 2003

Children Act 2004

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

Children and Families Act 2014

Special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice; 0 to 25 years – Statutory Guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs of disabilities; HM Government 2014

Information Sharing; Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers; HM Government 2015

Working together to safeguard children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguarding and promote the welfare of children; HM Government 2015

## **We recognise that;**

The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989

All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, 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 and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The Friends of Linn Park organisation welcomes the input and support from children and young people – but does not seek to take responsibility for them during activities or volunteer work.

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

Inviting them to take part when accompanied by a parent or guardian

By ensuring the parent or guardian retains the responsibility for the child or young person throughout the activity.

By ensuring the child or young person is not separated from their parent or guardian through the activity.

Valuing them, listening to and respecting them

recording and storing information professionally and securely

using our procedure to manage any allegations against members and volunteers appropriately

creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment

ensuring we have a safe physical environment for our children, young people, members and volunteers; by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.

**Policy Revision**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

**Useful Contacts**

CEOP [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

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