**Safeguarding Policy – CADBURY WIND BAND**

Cadbury Wind Band believes that a child, young person or adult at risk should never experience abuse of any kind. We recognise that we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk. We are committed to safeguarding the well-being of children, young people and adults at risk we come into contact with and to protecting them from harm.

* This policy applies to all members, staff (whether employees or freelances), volunteers and anyone working on behalf of Cadbury Wind Band or taking part in Cadbury Wind Band activities.
* The purpose of this policy is to provide members, staff and volunteers with the principles that guide our approach to the protection of all vulnerable people
* This policy recognises vulnerable people as:
* Children up to the age of 16 or young people aged 16-18.
* Adults aged over 18 at risk as defined by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. This might include adults with a learning or physical disability, a physical or mental illness, chronic or otherwise, including an addiction to alcohol or drugs, or reduced physical or mental capacity. This policy also recognises risk is determined by the activity an adult is taking part in and not solely on the personal characteristics or circumstances of the adult, as such any adult can be at risk, and the risk can be temporary.
* This policy aims to:
  + Protect children, young people and adults at risk who are; members of, receive services from, or volunteer for, Cadbury Wind Band.
  + Ensure members, staff and volunteers working with children, young people and adults at risk understand and accept responsibility for the safeguarding of those vulnerable individuals they are interacting with.
  + Ensure that safeguarding of children, young people and adults at risk is a primary consideration when Cadbury Wind Band undertakes any activity, event or project.

**How Cadbury Wind Band** **works with vulnerable people:** membership is open to everyone. We run weekly rehearsals for members and put on concerts for the general public. As such our involvement with vulnerable people includes, but is not limited to:

* Members of the group who attend rehearsals and concerts
* Relatives and friends of members who attend rehearsals and concerts in a volunteering capacity
* Audience members at public concerts

**Named safeguarding person:** Heather Kirkpatrick has responsibility for safeguarding issues. All queries and concerns relating to safeguarding should be referred to Heather Kirkpatrick in the first instance.

Any projects, events or other activities that will involve vulnerable people must be planned with the involvement of Heather Kirkpatrick and in line with established procedures and ground rules (see below).

**Procedures and ground rules:** A further document – ‘Ground rules, ways of working and procedures’ - is part of this policy and can be found below.

**Policy review:** This policy will be reviewed and amended (if necessary) on an annual basis by the committee members of Cadbury Wind Band. It will also be reviewed in response to changes in relevant legislation, good practice, or in response to an identified failing in its effectiveness.

**Safeguarding policy – Cadbury Wind Band - Ground rules, ways of working and procedures**

This document forms part of the Cadbury Wind Band Safeguarding policy

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This document includes:

* Recruitment practices around safeguarding
* Ground rules and ways for working regarding safeguarding of vulnerable people
* Procedures for raising safeguarding concerns and incidents of abuse
* Procedures for dealing with concerns and incident of abuse

**Recruitment practices around safeguarding**

If an existing or potential new member, staff member or volunteer will be working alone with vulnerable people as part of the Cadbury Wind Band activities the appropriate level of DBS will be requested before that work is undertaken.

The level of DBS check required will be decided by the committee and in line with DBS rules regarding regulated activity. The results of any check to inform a decision will be used confidentially and in line with the Cadbury Wind Band equal opportunities policy.

**Ground rules and ways for working regarding safeguarding of vulnerable people**

WhenCadbury Wind Band organises a rehearsal or event where we will be responsible for vulnerable people we will ensure:

* Planning is carried out in line with this policy and procedures.
* The event is attended by a DBS checked adult – this will be a minimum of one but more when practically possible. If this is not possible, a discussion must be had with our safeguarding lead on any additional measures which are needed.
* Where practically possible the total number of adults in attendance (not necessarily DBS checked) compared with the total number of children will be in line with the ratio table below - as per Ofsted recommendations.
* There is a main contact for safeguarding on the day - this will be an individual who has been DBS checked. This in general will be our safeguarding lead Heather Kirkpatrick or someone nominated in her place if she is unable to attend.
* The main contact has access to emergency contact details and other relevant details (e.g. information about picking up arrangements for vulnerable people).
* That if vulnerable people of different gender will be taking part in activities adults of different gender will be in attendance too.
* Anyone aged between 16 and 18, or who is recognised as a vulnerable person under the criteria above is not to be left alone with an adult, unless that adult is DBS checked and carrying out regulated activity.
* Anyone under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
* Two adults (one DBS checked) should wait at the venue once the activity has finished to ensure vulnerable people/those aged 16-18 are collected safely.
* Child to adult ratio table

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| Childs age | Number of adults | Number of children |
| 0-2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2-3 | 1 | 4 |
| 4-8 | 1 | 6 |
| 9-12 | 1 | 8 |
| 12-18 | 1 | 10 |

**Working with parents/guardians:** If a vulnerable person over 16 wishes to take part in Cadbury Wind Band activities written permission (email is fine) should be obtained from parents/guardians where appropriate, and before the activity takes place. Written permission should include: emergency contact details, and any relevant pick-up arrangements – including permission for another adult to pick up the vulnerable person after the activity has finished

**If someone under 16 wishes to take part in Cadbury Wind Band activities they must be accompanied at all times by a parent/guardian or someone assigned that responsibility by their parent/guardian.**

**Procedures for raising safeguarding concerns and incidents of abuse**

* If any member, staff or volunteer in Cadbury Wind Band witnesses, suspects or is informed of a witnessed or suspected case of abuse they should immediately report it to the named safeguarding officer Heather Kirkpatrick.
* If the named person is not available, or is involved in or connected to, the abuse, it should be reported to the chairman Michael Joce or a DBS checked adult: [list of DBS checked adults].
* If an individual wishes to report an incident of abuse against themselves they should report it to the named safeguarding officer or an individual they trust.

**Procedures for dealing with concerns and incidents of abuse**

The Named person (or person reported in their absence) will first make a decision based on the immediacy of the concern and the following two factors:

1. If the vulnerable person is in immediate danger or needs emergency medical attention – call the police and/or ambulance service.
2. If the person at the centre of the allegation is working with vulnerable persons at the current time – remove them, in a sensitive manner, from direct contact with vulnerable people and follow the procedures below.

If none of the above applies the named person will:

* Make a note of the concerns reported to them.
* Speak with committee members to decide how to handle the reported abuse (excluding any committee members involved in the incident)
* Escalate the report by either:
  + Raising concerns with the police – for serious or possible criminal offences.
  + Requesting an assessment by the local authority social care department about whether a vulnerable person is in need of protection.
  + An internal investigation – for less serious incidents where they feel internal mediation will be successful.
* Where cases are escalated the committee will cooperate with the police or local authority in dealing with the reported incident.
* Where an internal investigation takes place the committee will:
  + Inform all parties involved of the reported abuse as soon as possible.
  + Inform the family/guardians of the person reported as being been abused of the incident.
  + Arrange separate meetings with both parties within 10 days of the reported incident. A joint meeting may be arranged if appropriate.
    - Both parties should be given the change to bring a friend or representative to the meeting.
    - Meetings will be attended by the named safeguarding officer and at least one other committee member.
    - All parties will also be invited to submit a written statement in advance of the meeting.
  + Once meetings have taken place the committee will decide on next steps and communicate them to all parties in writing within 5 days. They will be either:
    - Escalate the incident to the relevant authority.
    - Further investigation – with established procedures and timelines to work towards a resolution.
    - A decision or resolution.

**Resolution and disciplinary action**

* If abuse is found to have taken place any final resolution or decision will be taken in the best interest of the person who has suffered the abuse and the best interests of Cadbury Wind Band.
* Any disciplinary action will be taken in line with the Cadbury Wind Band constitution.

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