



Child Protection Policy

As a key organisation central to the development of physical education and school sport in England and Wales, baalpe is widely recognised for expert guidance on safe practice relating to all forms of physical activity and offers support to all agencies associated with its delivery.

baalpe unequivocally endorses the principles enshrined in the Children's Act (2004) and values the key outcomes relating to the safety and well being of children and believes that:

- the welfare of the child, young person and vulnerable adult is paramount.
- all children, young people and vulnerable adults, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief, and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse.
- all suspicions and allegations of abuse should be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and in line with recommended practice.
- staff and all members of baalpe should be clear regarding how to respond in enacting their duty of care to children and vulnerable adults.

baalpe will take every reasonable step to ensure that children, young people and vulnerable adults are protected where:

- baalpe's staff and members are directly involved in the delivery of a particular project.
- baalpe recruit or broker a working partnership between an external funding agency and a third party.
- baalpe directly contracts an organisation, individual (non-member) or agency for a programme of work

baalpe will seek at all times:

- to keep membership fully informed on relevant child protection/safeguarding children issues.
- to ensure that adults with any connection to baalpe interact with young people and vulnerable adults with integrity and respect
- to promote all forms of physical activity for children and vulnerable adults within a secure framework of safety and fair play.

In realising its core values relating to child protection/safeguarding children, baalpe will maintain a system for advice and for providing rapid access to child protection/ safeguarding children expertise for members where necessary. Where such advice is requested it will be treated in a highly confidential manner.

Glenn Beaumont – baalpe's H&S Officer glenbeaumont@glenbeaumont.karoo.co.uk Tel. **07917403394** is the first point of contact for any member requiring confidential assistance on any matter relating to child protection/safeguarding children.

However, **Keith Spencer - baalpe's Child Protection Officer** k.spencer@blueyonder.co.uk is always at hand for expert advice on general child protection/safeguarding children issues.

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