Cam Vale Community Hall

4) Child Protection Policy

This Policy builds on and must be read in conjunction with 3), Safeguarding Policy.

Can Vale Community Hall recognise its responsibilities for child protection.

This policy applies to all parties operating within and in conjunction with the Hall.

Cam Vale Community Hall will:

- ensure it practises safe recruitment in checking the suitability of volunteers to work with children,
- raise awareness of child protection issues,
- establish and maintain a safe environment for children, where they feel secure and can talk and be listened to,
- ensure children know that there are adults who they can approach if they are worried,
- follow the procedures set out by the Local Safeguarding Children Board, (LSCB) and take account of guidance issued by the local authority to:
    - ensure a designated senior person is responsible for child protection and has received appropriate training and support,
    - ensure all parties are aware of the name of this person,
    - ensure all parties are aware of their responsibilities in being alert to signs of abuse and referring any concerns to the designated person,
    - ensure that parents understand the responsibilities of Cam Vale Community Hall for child protection,
    - develop effective links with relevant agencies as required and cooperate with their enquiries relating to child protection matters,
    - keep written records of concerns about children,
    - ensure all records are kept in locked locations,
    - develop procedures to be followed when an allegation is made.

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