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Soundwell Swimming Club - Safeguarding and Protecting

Children in Sport Policy

Soundwell Swimming Club complies with Swim England Child Protection

Policy and Procedures – Wave power.

<https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>

National Standards have been developed by Swim England that aim to promote best practice so that a safe environment for children and young people is achieved.

Reference to British Swimming Useful Documents (Wavepower) The principles behind these standards are:

- The child's welfare is the first consideration.
- Children and young people have a right to enjoy sport, free from all forms of abuse and exploitation.
- All children and young people have equal rights to protection from harm.
- Everybody has a responsibility to support the care and protection of children.
- Sporting organisations have a duty of care to children and young people who take part in sport. To this end the club acknowledge their duty of care towards all our members and are committed to practise which protects children from harm
- All staff and volunteers have been checked via the Disclosure and Barring Service (previously Criminal's Record Bureau).
- Staff and volunteers in this organisation are required to accept and recognise their responsibility to develop awareness of the issues that cause children harm. Training in this area is provided and promoted.
- We prioritise the sharing of information about child protection and good practise with children, parents, staff and volunteers.
- We acknowledge our responsibility towards sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately. Any incidents/complaints will be recorded in line with Swim England policy. This will be undertaken in accordance with Swim England guidance on confidentiality and information sharing.

Should any swimmer or parent/carer or any other person wish to raise any issue related to child welfare please contact the Club's Welfare Officer.

Welfare Officers emails:

welfare@soundwellswim.org.uk

welfare2@soundwellswim.org.uk

Other contacts available are: Swim England swim line – 0808 100 4001 &

NSPCC 0808 800 5000