



Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Purbeck Youth Music

Purbeck Youth Music (PYM) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which seeks to inspire, encourage and develop young people in Purbeck through an extensive network of professional musicians and instrumental teachers, providing lessons and instruments and a programme of interactive presentations, workshops and ensembles.

Our safeguarding policy

This policy applies to all who might be involved with PYM, including the Board of Trustees, volunteers, tutors, students and anyone working on behalf of PYM.

The purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to

- Protect children and young people who engage with any aspect of PYM. This includes the children of adults who use our services.
- To provide everyone with the overarching principles which guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

PYM believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practise in a way that protects them.

We recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989. Hence:

- 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.
- We will work in partnership with children, young people and their parents, schools and youth organisations, carers and other agencies in promoting young people's welfare.

PYM will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them.
- Working with the Purbeck schools to provide a safe physical environment for children, young people, tutors and others, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance.
- Ensuring that at least two adults are present at any event, workshop or other activity we might organise.
- Ensuring that children leaving any premises where PYM has responsibility do so only in the presence of adults known to have permission to take them, or have parental permission to walk home.
- When working with tutors and others, ensuring all necessary background checks are made and appropriate certificates are in place. DMS tutors need Safeguarding DBS level 2.

- Passing information to the appropriate authority when one or more person is at risk.
- Informing anyone associated with PYM that where a person is in danger, a child is at risk or a crime has been committed then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the individual's consent.
- Endeavouring to keep up to date with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of adults.
- Ensuring that the Designated Named Person understands his/her responsibility to refer incidents of adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies.
- Ensuring that all Trustees, members, volunteers and tutors are familiar with this policy and procedures.
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Vulnerable Adults

For reasons of consistency and practicality, PYM procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults will be the same as those for safeguarding children and young people except where the law, or the specific circumstances of an individual's need require otherwise.

Summary

The Designated Named Person for Safeguarding children and young people in PYM is: Jay Buckle instruments@purbeckyouthmusic.org

Single point of contact for safeguarding concerns – Dorset County Council:
T: 01305228866

Website: <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/child-protection-report-a-concern>

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Signed (Chair of Trustees):



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