

# STOCKPORT SCHOOLS' BRASS BAND ASSOCIATION.

## Child Protection Policy.

Stockport Schools Brass Band fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection.

Our policy applies to all volunteers working in the association. There are five main elements to our policy:

- Ensuring we practice safe recruitment in checking the suitability of volunteers to work with children.
- Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
- Developing and then implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
- Supporting pupils who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.

We recognise that because of the day-to-day contact with children, association volunteers are well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. The association will therefore:

- Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.
- Ensure children know that there are adults in the association whom they can approach if they are worried.

We will take account of guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills to:

- Ensure we have a contact of a senior person for child protection who has received appropriate training and support for this role.
- Ensure every volunteer knows the administrator is the designated senior person responsible for child protection.
- Ensure all staff and volunteers understand their responsibilities in being alert to the signs of abuse and responsibility for referring any concerns to the designated senior person responsible for child protection.
- Keep written records of concerns about children, even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately.
- Ensure all records are kept securely, separate from the main file.
- Develop and then follow procedures where an allegation is made against a volunteer.
- Ensure safe recruitment practices are always followed.

Reference / Guidance links:

Safeguarding Children in society. Internet Link only document.

<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/content/health/socialcare/childsocialcare/safeguardingchildren/acpcmain/>

Guidance By The Education Welfare Service. (Hard Copy is available from the SSBB Administrator)

<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/content/education/services/schools/pupilsupport/ews/ewschildprotect/>

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