



Child Protection Policy Fleetwood Music & Arts Festival

FULL NAME OF ORGANISATION: Fleetwood Music & Arts Festival.

CHAIRMAN: Mr D. T. Watson.

TREASURER: Mrs S. Eaves

VENUES: St.Peter's Church, Fleetwood
Milton Community Centre, Fleetwood.
Mount Methodist Church, Fleetwood.
Fleetwood Sports College,

Please Note: The definition and use of the word Parent(s) throughout the Policy includes Guardians, Carers and/or Teachers of children under 18 years and/or vulnerable adults.

1. PURPOSE & FUNCTION OF ORGANIZATION:

The purpose of our Festival is to provide a platform for amateur performers of all ages and abilities in a friendly but competitive atmosphere. A professional adjudicator assesses the effort of each competitor in a constructive and educational manner.

2. THE FESTIVAL ENVIRONMENT:

At each venue this Festival aims to provide a caring environment with, as far as is reasonably possible, the highest level of safety. To ensure this the Festival procedure implementing this policy will be to inform and involve all the Parents of those children under 18 years or vulnerable adults.

3. TO WHOM THE POLICY APPLIES:

This Policy relates to children under the age of 18 years and those vulnerable adults of any age who are identified to the General Secretary prior to their arrival at the Festival. In recognising the needs of children from minority ethnic groups and children who are disabled, the Festival actively seeks to meet needs notified to the General Secretary by Parents.

4. FESTIVAL PERSONNEL TO WHOM THE POLICY APPLIES:

All Festival volunteers are known personally by at least one Festival official; all their names and addresses are kept on a register. Each volunteer on duty will wear a badge and anyone wearing a badge may be approached in case of a problem and will be able to direct you to the responsible person who will deal with it. All problems will be taken seriously and will be documented and dated.

5. PREPARATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE FESTIVAL:

Every Parent will be sent, either directly or via their teacher, a copy of our Policy. Parents will be asked to sign the competitor's entry form saying that our Policy has been seen and understood.

Teachers will be asked to provide the Festival with written confirmation that they have passed the Policy onto the Parents.

Parents should either accompany their children/vulnerable adults or make sure that they are in the care of a responsible adult. All accompanying adults will be required to pay an admission fee.

The Festival accepts no responsibility for children left unattended.

6. PERFORMANCE AREAS.

Festival personnel will not supervise public areas, including toilets.

7. PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOTAPE AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY:

Throughout the Festival the use of all audio or visual recording equipment is strictly forbidden. A press photographer or official Festival photographer, identified by a Festival badge, may take photographs. This policy makes it clear that, where parents do not wish photographs to be taken, then the responsible adult attending with their child should ensure on the day that they are not included in any photograph.



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8. THE LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS POLICY:

- The Children Act 1989; The Police Act 1997; The Data Protection Act 1998; The Human Rights Act 1998; The Protection of Children Act 1999; The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

9. POLICY REVIEW:

The organisers will constantly review their Policy, improving and enhancing it as necessary. In doing this they will look to the British & International Federation of Festivals for support and that body in turn will look to other agencies for good practice, most notably the NSPCC and Arts Council of England policy guidelines.