

Jungle Jiggle

Safeguarding policy

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Statement of intent

Jungle Jiggle is committed to working with children and their parents or carers to ensure the safety of all children attended our sessions. Children's safety is of paramount importance to us.

This policy is built on the fact that children will attend our sessions with their parents and or carers, and remain the responsibility of those adults at all times.

Aims

- To ensure parents and/or carers have access to this policy document.
- To ensure Jungle Jiggle crew or other parents/carers are informed of the actions and procedures they should follow if concerned for the safety or welfare of a child attending their sessions.
- To ensure that jungle jiggle crew members hold the relevant DBS checks.
- To promote a child's right to be safe and protected from abuse regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, religious beliefs and home background.

Methods

- Jungle Jiggle crew are informed of the need for relevant DBS checks to be carried out before running sessions.
- A record will be kept of any visitors to the group.

- A Jungle Jiggle crew member will sign in children and their parents/carers and remain vigilant of unauthorised people gaining access to the sessions.
- Parents/carers remain responsible for their children at all times, at no point will children be left unsupervised or alone with other adults.
- We at Jungle Jiggle acknowledge that abuse of children can take on different forms- physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. When children are suffering from abuse this may be demonstrated through things that they say or do or manifest through their behaviour, and/or changes in appearance.

Where children are made to suffer physical pain there may be signs of frequent unexplained injury.

Where children are harmed through lack of affection, love they can become withdrawn.

Where adults seek sexual gratification from children there may be changes in personality and behaviour, children may begin to talk in a sexual manner that is totally unacceptable for their age.

Signs that a child's basic needs are not being met (i.e. food and clothing) may result in a child showing signs of ill health.

If we have reason to believe that a child is at immediate risk from harm then we will contact the Police on 999.

If we have any concerns about a particular child and feel that they may be in need of protection or safeguarding, then we will contact the Family Front Door on 01905 822666 from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm.

For assistance out of office hours (5:00pm to 8:30 am weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays) we will contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 01905 768020.

Other helpful links include:

NSPCC helpline

help@nspcc.org.uk

Tel: 0808 800 5000

Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20054/safeguarding_children

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-and-young-people/safeguarding-children-and-young-people>