

Project Connect
Child Protection Policy

Last review: September 2015

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice annually.

Project Connect aims to keep all children safe.

We work within the procedures and recommendations of the Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board:

<http://www.staffscb.org.uk/Professionals/Professionals.aspx>

Volunteers are clearly informed that the positions are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Volunteers are informed of the need to carry out checks before posts can be confirmed.

Where volunteers are rejected because of information that has been disclosed, applicants have the right to know and to challenge incorrect information.

We abide by Ofsted requirements in respect of references and police checks for volunteers, to ensure that no disqualified person or unfit person works at forest school or has access to the children.

Volunteers do not work unsupervised.

We abide by the Protection of Children Act requirements in respect of any person who is dismissed from our employment, or resigns in circumstances that would otherwise have led to dismissal for reasons of child protection concern.

Details of visitors to forest school are recorded and steps taken to ensure that that no unauthorised person has unsupervised access to the children.

When working with schools to deliver outdoor learning we will always adhere to the schools child protection policy.