

DOLPHIN ACADEMY

Child Safeguarding Policy




Dolphin Academy is committed to an environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

We have adopted the Swim England Safeguarding Policy – Wavepower, which can be viewed and downloaded [here](#). Our Dolphin Academy policy is one where we accept that good safeguarding and fair play is paramount for all our swimmers.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, DOLPHIN ACADEMY AGREES TO:

- Adopt and implement the policies and procedures in Wavepower policy in full.
- Recognise that all children participating in the organisation (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability), have a right to enjoy their involvement in aquatics in a safe environment and be protected from harm.
- Ensure that personnel who work with children, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe, and enjoyable experience for children.

- Appoint a welfare officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the Swim England, who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the organisation.
 - Ensure that the welfare officer's name and contact details are known to all staff, members, and parents of members.
 - Ensure the welfare officer is available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower.
 - Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the organisation have undertaken the appropriate training, have had the relevant DBS checks, and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower.
 - Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the organisation have been recruited in accordance with the Swim England Safe Recruitment Policy.
 - Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the organisation have the appropriate training, code of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower.
 - Provide all members of the organisation and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare.
 - Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower.
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- Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
- Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

If you have a question or concern regarding child welfare, the **Dolphin Academy Welfare Officer, Hannah Parkin**, should be informed via safeguarding@dolphinacademy.co.uk. Alternatively, there is a dedicated helpline for anyone wishing to raise a safeguarding or welfare concern directly to **Swim England** called **Swimline** on **0808 100 4001**.

You can also contact the **NSPCC** on **0808 800 5000** and **Childline** on **0800 1111**.

