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## PAW Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

The purpose of this policy is to

- Protect children and young people who engage with any aspect of Purbeck Art Weeks (PAW) Festival activities. This includes the children of adults who visit our events, workshops or exhibitions.
- To provide PAW members, volunteers, Friends and Trustees with the overarching principles which guide our approach to safeguarding and child protection.

PAW is a charitable organisation, which gains its name from its annual visual and performing arts Festival once a year in late May/early June. The Festival celebrates the arts in all its various forms. Through concerts, exhibitions, talks and workshops, it seeks to inspire and support visual and performing artists to achieve their potential, involving people from across the community and encouraging everyone to participate and to enjoy a wide range of the arts.

Beyond the annual Festival, PAW provides a network for its artist members and offers year-round arts activities, some exclusively for its members, and other activities which reach out into the community to support and encourage engagement with the arts across the breadth of Purbeck. This includes creating links between schools or youth groups and practicing artists from all disciplines, so that young artists can directly experience workshops led by professional artists.

Where PAW facilitates such workshops and events within the community, in schools, or youth organisations, it is only where statutory staffing levels and appropriate adult support is provided by the receiving organisation, parents, or carers. Before a workshop can be confirmed, it is necessary for the PAW Trustees, or their representative (e.g. any member of PAW providing a workshop) to see evidence of the safeguarding policy and that any staffing levels, or supervision which would normally apply for that group will be maintained. PAW believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practice in a way that protects them.

- We recognise that the welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.



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- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people and their parents, schools and youth organisations, carers and other agencies in promoting young people's welfare.

PAW will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- ensuring that all trustees, members, volunteers and Friends are familiar with this policy and procedures
- passing information to the appropriate authority when one or more person is at risk.
- informing anyone associated with PAW that where a person is in danger, a child is at risk or a crime has been committed then a decision may be taken to pass information to another agency without the individual's consent
- endeavouring to keep up to date with national developments relating to preventing abuse and welfare of adults
- ensuring that the Designated Named Person understands his/her responsibility to refer incidents of adult abuse to the relevant statutory agencies.

NB. Procedures For reasons of consistency and practicality, Purbeck Art Weeks procedures for safeguarding vulnerable adults will be the same as those for safeguarding children and young people except where the law, or the specific circumstances of an individual's need require otherwise.

The Designated Named Person for Safeguarding children and young people in PAW is:

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Single point of contact for safeguarding concerns – Dorset County Council:

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Website: <http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/child-protection-report-a-concern>

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Signed (Chair of Trustees): *Charlotte Heath*