

### WidNurture CIC Discover, Explore, Thrive in Nature's Classroom



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Safeguarding Policy 2025/26

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### **Safeguarding Policy for Wild Nurture**

#### **Policy Statement**

Wild Nurture Forest School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children participating in our activities. We recognize our responsibility to take all reasonable steps to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse, and exploitation.

#### Scope of Safeguarding

Our safeguarding policy encompasses a wide range of risks, including:

- Physical, emotional, and sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Online Safety
- Extremism
- Child exploitation
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Forced marriage
- Trafficking

#### Legislation and Guidance

This policy adheres to the following key documents: Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024) Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) Relevant sections of the Education Act 20023

#### **Responsibilities**

All staff and volunteers must:

- Prioritize children's welfare
- Understand and follow this safeguarding policy
- Attend regular safeguarding training
- Report any concerns immediately to the Designated

#### Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

# Mr Hal Eccles 07767 718 7140

#### **Child Protection Procedures**

- 1. Recognize signs of abuse or neglect
- 2. Respond to the child calmly and reassuringly
- 3. Record the concern in writing, using the child's exact words where possible
- 4. Report immediately to the DSL
- 5. The DSL will decide on appropriate action, including contacting authorities if necessary



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#### **Online Safety**

- Implement appropriate filters and monitoring systems
- Teach children about online risks and safe internet use
- Ensure staff are trained in online safeguarding issues.

#### Peer-on-Peer Abuse

We have a zero-tolerance approach to peer-on-peer abuse, including sexual harassment and sexual violence.

#### Safer Recruitment

We follow safer recruitment practices, including:

- Conducting Enhanced DBS checks for all staff and volunteers
- Verifying identity and qualifications
- Checking employment history and references

#### **Review and Updates**

This policy will be reviewed annually or whenever there are All incidents will be taken seriously and thoroughly investigated. significant changes to national guidance or local procedures.

#### Working with Parents

We are committed to working in partnership with parents/guardians to safeguard children. We will:

- Involve parents in safeguarding processes where appropriate
- Communicate our safeguarding policy clearly
- Provide resources on child safety and wellbeing

#### **Confidentiality and Record Keeping**

All safeguarding records will be kept confidential and secure, in line with data protection regulations. Information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis.