



## Child Protection Policy

Cinderford Swimming Club complies with the ASA Child Protection Policy & Procedures. We have adopted and implemented Policies and Procedures contained in the ASA Wavepower 2020-23 Policy Document.

<http://www.swimming.org/swimengland/wavepower-child-safeguarding-for-clubs/>

National Standards have been developed by the NSPCC that aim to promote best practice so that a safe environment for children & young people is achieved. The principles behind these Standards are:

Children & young people have a right to enjoy sport, free from all forms of abuse and exploitation.

All children & young people have equal rights to protection from harm.

Everybody has a responsibility to support the care & protection of children.

Sporting organisations have a duty of care to children and young people who take part in sport.

To this end Cinderford Swimming Club acknowledge their duty of care towards all our members & are committed to practice which protects children from harm.

All staff & volunteers have been checked via the Criminals Record Bureau <http://www.britishswimming.org> staff and volunteers in this organisation are required to accept & recognise their responsibility to develop awareness of the issues that cause children harm. Training in this area is provided and promoted.

We prioritise the sharing of information about child protection & good practice with children, parents, staff & volunteers.

We acknowledge our responsibility towards sharing information about concerns with agencies that need to know & involving parents & children appropriately. Any incidents/complaints will be recorded in line with ASA policy. This will be undertaken in accordance with the ASA guidance on confidentiality & information sharing.

Should any swimmer or parent/carer, or any other person wish to raise any issue related to child welfare please contact the appropriate Welfare Officer at Cinderford Swimming Club.

Other contacts available are:

ASA swim line: 0808 100 4001

NSPCC Help line: 0808 800 5000

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Further details on Cinderford Swimming Club child protection procedures can be found on the website. See also the ASA website for additional information:  
<http://www.britishswimming.org>

## Procedure

Please remember it is not your responsibility to decide whether a child is being abused, but we are asking you to act on your concerns. It is your responsibility to ensure the concerns raised are passed on appropriately.

In accordance with ASA recommendations, Cinderford Swimming Club has a Welfare Officer. Our Welfare Officer has knowledge of ASA policy & procedures to advise anyone with a child welfare concern. They will always be involved in any concern raised within the club, unless they are in some way implicated in the concern.