



**A Statement to promote and support a Safer Culture at
The Windmill Sure Start Children's Centre**

Every Child Matters:

Children's Centres and a wide range of statutory organisations have a legal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

As a Children's Centre we are committed to developing safe working practices for the children and staff at The Windmill Sure Start Children's Centre.

In order to achieve this safe and open culture we:

- Brief staff and volunteers on safer practices.
- Follow guidelines on safer recruitment practice.
- Work with parents in the interest of protecting children.
- Regularly acquaint appropriate stakeholders with information from safer practice policies (Child Protection Policy, Anti Bullying Policy, Whistle Blowing Policy, Health and Safety Policy).
- Record and report incidents to the appropriate authorities.
- Review and monitor policies and incidents.
- Treat information in a discreet and confidential manner.
- Plan offsite and Centre activities with care and by undertaking risk assessments.
- Adhere to the Centre's safety policies.
- Give due regard to the Department for Education guidance.
- Take concerns seriously.
- Set acceptable standards of behaviour for all.
- Create an ongoing culture of vigilance.

These actions are not ranked in order of priority as they are designed to dovetail together to form a culture that safeguards children.

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