

Flushing Sailing Club (FSC) Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Statement

As defined in the Children Act 1989, for the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. The policy also applies to vulnerable adults.

It is the policy of the FSC to safeguard children and young people taking part in boating from physical, sexual or emotional harm. FSC will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and training, children participating in FSC activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse. This policy also applies to vulnerable adults.

FSC actively seeks to:

- Create a safe and welcoming environment, both on and off the water, where children can have fun and develop their skills and confidence.
- Support and encourage recognised training centres, affiliated clubs and class associations to implement similar policies.
- Recognise that safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone, not just those who work with children.
- Ensure that FSC-organised training and events are run to the highest possible safety standards.
- Be prepared to review its ways of working to incorporate best practice.

We will:

- Treat all children with respect and celebrate their achievements.
- Carefully recruit and select all employees, contractors and volunteers.
- Respond swiftly and appropriately to all complaints and concerns about poor practice or suspected or actual child abuse.

This policy relates to all employees, contractors and volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults in the course of their FSC duties. It will be kept under periodic review. All relevant concerns, allegations, complaints and their outcome should be notified to the FSC Safeguarding Co-ordinator.

Designated Persons

FSC designated persons

The FSC's Safeguarding Co-ordinators are:

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If they are unavailable and the matter is urgent, contact the Commodore (01872865223; c.jelliss@btinternet.com)