

# OXFORD GOLF CLUB

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## SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

The Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of all children (defined as those under 18) involved in golf within the club. All children have a right to protection and to have their particular needs taken into account.

The Club has adopted a Child Protection Policy that aims to:

- Provide children with appropriate safety and protection whilst in the care of the club and also help them to enjoy their experience of the sport.
- Reassure parents that their children will receive the best practicable care whilst participating in activities within the Club
- Provide support to staff and volunteers to make informed and confident responses to specific child protection issues and to fulfil their role effectively

The principles underlying the Club's Policy are:

- The welfare of children is paramount.
- All children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, ethnic origin and religious beliefs have the right to protection from abuse.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- All staff and volunteers working in golf have a responsibility to report concerns to the Club Welfare Officer.
- Adults (staff, volunteers, coaches, referees and members) will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of children and young people.
- The Club will work in partnership with parents to review and implement child protection and welfare procedures.
- The Club's policy and procedures are based on the above principles and the relevant child protection regulations

Any concerns concerning child protection or safety must be raised immediately with the Club Welfare Officer (Mr Colin Whittle).