

# Safeguarding policy Halesowen Wing Chun May 2024

## **Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as**

- protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
- Ensuring that all students are working and learning in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all students to achieve the best outcomes

## Core principles

Our club fully recognises our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all of our students

We believe that not only is this a moral and statutory responsibility, but we know that children who feel safe and secure learning are more likely to achieve their full potential

We understand that standards for positive and appropriate behaviour and mutual respect are set by example by our trainers and coaches

Children have a right to participate in Wing Chun kung fu in a safe and fun environment

## Overall aims/expectations

Halesowen Wing Chun is fully committed to keeping children safe by

- Ensuring staff trains or coaches have undertaken the appropriate training assessments and checks to enable them to work with children
- Building a safeguarding culture where staff coaches and students know how they are expected to behave and feel comfortable about sharing any concerns
- Ensuring all trainers and coaches understand and follow the safeguarding procedures
- Listening to the students and showing respect
- Ensuring children young people and their families know about the organisation's safeguarding policy and what to do if they have a concern

- Record concerns and give the record to the DSL and deal with any disclosures in line with the guidance

## Parents and carers

We believe that our safeguarding policy will be more effective if it is carried out in partnership with parents and carers.

This will be underpinned by our open and honest communication and transparency in terms of purpose always working in the best interest of the student.

However, we must ensure that parents and carers know that there may be certain circumstances when we must progress concerns concerning child protection and parental/carer consent or knowledge in line with legislation and procedures.

## Children's concerns

The club recognises that a child-centred approach is an essential part of effective safeguarding practice and listening to children and young people is central to safeguarding them against abuse and neglect.

We will strive to develop resilience in the students and ensure they are aware they can seek help and support, how this can be accessed and that their concerns will be taken seriously

## Mental health

KCSIE Requires all staff To be aware that mental health problems can, in Some cases be an indicator that a child has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse neglect or exploitation

## Support

Additional information has been added to help prevent and tackle bullying and support students where mental health problems manifest themselves in behaviour

## Links

Guidance for schools on preventing and responding to bullying

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

Mental health and behaviour in schools

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2>

Keeping children safe during community activities after school clubs and tuition non-statutory guidance for providers running out of school settings

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-out-of-school-settings-code-of-practice/keeping-children-safe-during-community-activities-after-school-clubs-and-tuition-non-statutory-guidance-for-providers-running-out-of-school-settings>

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - Dudley Safeguarding Children

<https://dudleysafeguarding.org.uk/children/professionals-working-with-children/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash/>

## Other contacts

LADO Dudley general line 01384 8138061

<https://dudleysafeguarding.org.uk/children>

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- Adult Social Care Access Team Telephone: 0300 555 0055 Opening hours: 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday
- Emergency Duty Team Telephone: 0300 555 8574 (Out of office) Open 5pm to 9am, Monday to Friday, 24 hours at weekends and on bank holidays

NSPCC/CPSU

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