



## Online Safety Policy Statement

Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council works with young people and their families as part of its activities this includes providing youth clubs and the hire of the building to other organisations providing services to children and young people. This policy statement also applies to the children of adults

The purpose of this policy statement is to:

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is of primary importance when adults, young people or children are using the internet, social media or mobile devices.
- Provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guild our approach to online safety
- Ensure that as an organisation, we operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use online devices.

This policy statement applies to all staff, volunteers, Councillors, children and young people and anyone involved in Stirchley and Brookside's activities.

Stirchley and Brookside Parish Council believes that children and young people and vulnerable adults should never experience abuse of any kind. Children and young people should be able to use the internet for education and personal development, but safeguards need to be in place to ensure they are kept safe at all times.

The breadth of issues classified within online safety is considerable, but they can be categorised into three areas of risk.

1. **Content:** being exposed to illegal, inappropriate or harmful material; for example, seeing inappropriate images
2. **Contact:** being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example, being groomed
3. **Conduct:** personal online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, online bullying.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Ensuring that children and young people use age appropriate logins provided by Telford & Wrekin ICT services.
- Report any failure or breach of filters or software to Telford & Wrekin ICT
- Reporting any incidents of inappropriate online behaviour in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection Procedures.

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisation policy and procedures including:

- Safeguarding policies and Code of Conduct
- Child Protection policy
- Complaints procedure
- Anti-bullying

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