



## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

(children and vulnerable adults)

2024

ST. SWITHUN'S BAND BRIDPORT

St. Swithun's Band Bridport believe that all children/young people/vulnerable adults have the right to enjoy their instrumental playing, instrumental tuition and theory of music tuition within a happy, safe and secure environment.

Our Safeguarding policy is to protect children/young people/vulnerable adults who are members of St. Swithun's Band Bridport or in any way connected with the Band. This includes any child/young person/vulnerable adult whose parents are members of the Band.

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of Law and Guidance that seeks to protect all children/young people and vulnerable adults.

Those adults who give instrumental tuition or theory of music tuition to any child/young person/vulnerable adult will be DBS checked, and no child will be taught on a one to one basis without another adult present.

Signed consent forms from parents/guardians with a regard to Band photos being placed on Facebook, Twitter or in the local Newspapers, will be regularly updated and kept with the Policy.

Any required information of relevant medical needs or dietary needs will be kept on file, together with information on any extra support they need.

Our named officer will take the lead responsibility for Safeguarding and Child Protection. There will be a designated deputy to ensure safeguarding is adhered to in the absence of the named officer.

Parents will be made aware that this policy is in force and available to anyone upon request. Notification of any records kept about children/young people/vulnerable adults will be given to parents.

All records of contact with a child/young person/vulnerable adult will be kept on file. They will be signed and dated.

All children/young people/vulnerable adults will have the same protection regardless of the nine protected characteristics.

This policy covers all children/young people under 18 years of age and vulnerable adults who are Band members or in any way part of the Band and all children/young people under 18 years of age who receive instrumental/theory of music tuition. It relates to those who give instrumental or music theory tuition, and to each Band member to be responsible in safeguarding our children/young people and vulnerable adults

Our named officer will take responsibility for reporting any incidents should they occur and follow the Child Protection procedure.

Signed ..... Band Chairman. Jill Crouch

Signed ..... Musical Director.

Signed ..... Safeguarding Officer. Jeff Crouch

Dated.....

To be reviewed annually and updated as necessary in accordance with Child Protection Law and Guidance

**Useful contact details:**

Band Safeguarding/Welfare Officer: Jeff Crouch

Local police: 01202 222222

Local authority children's social care department, including out of hours contact: 01305 251414

NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 or [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

ChildLine: 0800 1111 (textphone 0800 400 222) or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

The Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/>

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Local authority adult social care department: 01305 221016

Brass Bands England Safeguarding Officer: 01226 771015