



## **Safeguarding & Child Protection in RASCALS Swimming Club**

### **Policy Statement** (October 2022)

The RASCALS Swimming Club is committed to a club environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this the Club agrees to :

1. Adopt and implement the ASA Wavepower 2020 - 2023 Policy in full.
2. Recognise that all children participating in the RASCALS Club (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to enjoy their involvement in swimming in a safe environment and be protected from harm.
3. Ensure that those individuals, who work with children in the RASCALS Club, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
4. Appoint a Club Welfare Officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by Swim England who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the RASCALS Club.
5. Ensure that the Club Welfare Officer's name and contact details are known to all Staff, Members and Parents/Guardians of Members.
6. Ensure the Welfare Officer is available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower 2020 - 2023.
7. Ensure all those persons who work with children in the RASCALS Club have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant DBS checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower 2020 - 2023.
8. Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the RASCALS Club have been recruited in accordance with the Swim England Safe Recruitment Policy.
9. Ensure that all individuals who work with the children in the RASCALS Club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower 2020 - 2023.
10. Provide all Club Members and Parents/Guardians of Members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare.



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11. Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in Wavepower 2020 - 2023.
12. Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
13. Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

("Child/Children" refers to all persons under the age of 18 Years)

("Parent/Guardian" is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child concerned)

**Please contact our Welfare Officer if you have any concerns or would like to discuss the above, or any issues, in confidence.**

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