



Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy

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Preston Swimming Club has adopted and fully endorses the ASA Child Safeguarding Policy as detailed in their Wavepower document and summarised below.

The Preston Swimming Club child protection procedures stem from the following principles:

- ❖ The child's welfare is the first consideration.
- ❖ All children regardless of age, any disability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual identity have the right to enjoy sport free from all forms of abuse or sexual exploitation.
- ❖ The ASA and Preston Swimming Club have a responsibility for the welfare of children and young people who take part in our sport.
- ❖ The ASA have a responsibility to maintain confidentiality in all cases involving child protection in line with the current legislation.
- ❖ The ASA and Preston Swimming Club will not tolerate poor practice in dealing with child welfare.

At Preston Swimming Club, we seek to provide a safe environment for all our members to enjoy our sport. All Coaching staff and Team Managers are registered with the ASA and, where over 16yrs old, have completed DBS checks.

If you have any concerns regarding the above, then please contact in the first instance the Club Welfare Officers:

Dave Gilmore- malewelfare@swimpreston.co.uk

Carol Rathod - femalewelfare@swimpreston.co.uk

Or via the help lines below.

Swimline 0808 100 4401

Child line 0800 1111

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

You can also visit the following websites;

www.britishswimming.co.uk

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.worriedneed2talk.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.there4me.com

www.bullying.co.uk

Preston 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 policy in full.
2. Recognise that all children participating with Preston Swimming 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 at Preston Swimming Club, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
4. Appoint Club Welfare Officer(s) with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the ASA who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the club.
5. Ensure that the Club Welfare Officers name and contact details are known to all staff, club members and parents of members.
6. The Welfare Officer to be available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with Wavepower.
7. Ensure all those persons who work with children at Preston Swimming Club have undertaken the appropriate training and relevant DBS checks and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in Wavepower.
8. Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children at Preston Swimming Club have been recruited in accordance with the ASA Safe Recruitment Policy.
9. Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the club have the appropriate training and codes of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in Wavepower.
10. Provide all club members and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare.
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.
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.