

## **BOS Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy statement**

The British Origami Society acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children while they are a member of the Society or at any BOS event, and is committed to ensuring its safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount. It aims to ensure that all children have a positive and enjoyable experience of origami in a safe and friendly environment, regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background and any other factors. The Society aims to ensure children are protected from abuse of any kind whilst participating in origami.

### **Children and other Vulnerable Persons at Conventions and Mini-meetings**

The British Origami Society promotes the use of origami in education and therapy in accordance with its constitution and as part of its charitable objectives. It welcomes all people to its meetings and conventions. For the wellbeing and safety of children under the age of 16 and vulnerable adults, the British Origami Society requests that they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who has a duty of care to that person.

Members of the British Origami Society are neither qualified nor properly insured to care for children under the age of 16, or for other vulnerable persons. Even where a member might be qualified to do so in their usual line of work, the British Origami Society expects members convening meetings of the society to adhere to this policy for their own sake and the reputation of the British Origami Society.

As part of our safeguarding policy, the Society will:

- ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern,
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored

### **Monitoring**

The policy will be reviewed every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government guidance
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

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