

Hook Players - Child Protection Policy

In accordance with the Constitution of Hook Players members must be aged 18 or over.

Where children are invited to participate in a production this policy will apply.

Hook Players recognises its duty of care under the Children and Young Persons Act 1953, the Child (Performances) Regulations 1968, the Protection of Children Act 1999 and the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

Hook Players is committed to protect children from harm.

Hook Players believes that

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- All children have a right to protection from abuse
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse are taken seriously
- All members are clear about how to respond appropriately

Hook Players will ensure that

- All children are treated equally and with respect
- The duty of care to children will be put first
- A balanced relationship will be built based on trust
- Enthusiastic and constructive feedback will be given
- Bullying will not be accepted or condoned
- Members will provide a positive role model for dealing with other people
- Action will be taken to stop inappropriate behaviour
- Members are kept up to date with health and safety legislation
- Members are kept up to date with protection legislation
- Relevant development and training is given
- A register is kept of contact details in the event of an emergency

It is Hook Players' policy that each child is accompanied by either
his or her parent
the child's school or dance teacher
or another responsible adult

Written parental consent is required for participation of a child in a production in any capacity

Written parental consent will be requested for use of publicity photographs in any medium (including social media). Unless this is obtained no such use can be made of any photograph including the child