Safeguarding Policy Statement for DBL Castles

**OUR STATEMENT:**

Our company acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and Suffolk County council requirements.

The policy recognises that the welfare and interests of children are paramount in all circumstances, it aims to ensure that regardless of age, ability or disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, socio-economic background, all children.

 Have a positive and enjoyable experience at DBL Castle events in a safe and child centred environment.

 Are protected from abuse whilst participating in joining in the activities provided by DBL Castles at public events.

We acknowledge that some children, including disabled children or those from ethnic minority communities can be particularly vulnerable to abuse and we accept the responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure their welfare.

**OUR POLICY:**

As part of our safeguarding policy we will:

Promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Value, listen to and respect children.

Ensure robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation.

Adopt safeguarding best practice through our polices, procedures and code of conduct for our volunteers.

Ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children and young people.

Ensure all our volunteers have support in training through supervision and know all about our policies and behaviour code.

Ensure appropriate action is taken in the event of all incidents.

Ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored.

Make sure children, young people and their parents know where to go for help if they have a concern.

The policy and procedures will be widely promoted and are mandatory for everyone involved in DBL Castles. Failure to comply with the policy and procedures will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in exclusion from the organisation.

This policy will be reviewed a year after development and then every 3 years or in the following circumstances:

Changes in legislation and/or government guidance.

As a result of any other significant change or event.

Policy formed on 06/09/2024

Signed S. Drake