



City of Plymouth Festival

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The Federation and its member Festivals use the following policies and procedures to provide **Safer Festivals** for children and young people.

1. A single, definitive Child Protection Policy adopted by all Federation Festivals.
2. Best practice advice in the form of **Safe Working Practice** and **Child Protection** leaflets, support and training for all Federation Festival staff and volunteers reporting procedures for anyone with a concern about a child.
3. Appropriate recruitment and induction procedures followed for all new staff and volunteers responsible for providing safe environments for the children/young people attending/performing at our Festivals.
4. One or more designated Festival Safeguarding Officers (FSO) appointed for each Federation Festival.
5. All Festival staff and volunteers wear a badge to identify their roles and all teachers/parents/guardians are asked to report all incidents of any nature to any person wearing a Festival badge. All reported incidents will be handled in accordance with the **Safe Working Practice** and **Child Protection** best practice advice. In addition each Festival will ensure the availability of a quiet area/room where concerns can be expressed in private.
6. For the duration of a Festival all teachers/parents/guardians/carers are responsible for the continuous care and supervision of their own children/pupils. If they are unable to attend personally, they must delegate their responsibilities to an identified adult and ensure that their children/pupils are aware of the identity and name of the person responsible for their care. This includes supervision throughout all Festival venues, performance and practice and changing areas that may be provided.
7. No unauthorised photography or video recording of children and young people is allowed at our Festivals. Where parents/guardians/carers do not wish photos to be taken at all, then the responsible adult attending should ensure that their child is not included in official photos.
8. The Festival's Child Protection Policy and Safer Festivals Statement will be published explicitly in the Syllabus, Programme and on the Festival website. Each teacher, parent, guardian or carer must read, understand and accept this information in order to give consent for their children/pupils to enter the Festival by box ticking/signing the appropriate section of the physical Festival Entry Form or Online Entry Procedure. Without consent the entry to the Festival cannot be accepted.

The City of Plymouth Festival has completed the implementation of BIFF'S new approach to safeguarding and have earned the right to display the Blue Safeguarding Flag awarded by the SafeNetwork and NSPCC.