

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL SAFEGUARDING POLICY

ORLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH, WELL BEING AND SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AND VULNERABLE ADULTS WHO ARE EITHER RESIDENT IN OR VISITING THE VILLAGE.

None of the activities of the Parish Council involves any Councillor coming into contact with children or vulnerable adults. However, all Councillors ensure that:

- Their behaviour is appropriate at all times
- They observe the rules established for the safety and security of young and vulnerable people
- They follow the procedures in the event of suspicion, disclosure or allegation of abuse
- They recognise the position of trust in which they have been placed

CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Treat everyone with dignity and respect
- Set an example one would wish others to follow
- Treat all people equally
- Ensure more than one other adult is present at all times when dealing with a young person or vulnerable adult
- Advise young people or vulnerable adult who they can talk to, if asked, about any concerns they may have
- Remember someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well intentioned
- Take any allegations or concerns of abuse seriously and refer them to the appropriate authority.
- Do not trivialise any reports of abuse
- Do not let allegations, suspicions or concerns about abuse go unreported
- Do not just rely on one's good name to protect you.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Orlestone Parish Council lease from Ashford Borough Council a Playing Field at Pound Lees Recreation Ground. The Hamstreet & District Sports & Leisure Association (HDSLAs) manage this area and the sports pavilion, the multi use games area and hard surface area with ball hoops for the young people of the parish located here. They have their own independent safeguarding policies.

All children and young people under 18 using this space remain the responsibility of their parents or guardians whilst using the facilities.

Any concerns regarding the safety of children or vulnerable adults in the village should be reported immediately to:

The Police: in an emergency dial 999; non emergency call 101

Further information can be found at: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/protecting-children/report-abuse>

Telephone – Parish Clerk: Sue Stiffell (01233 628481) email: stiffells@btinternet.com

Councillors or The Parish Clerk will report any issues to the relevant authority immediately

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