



### Please remember:

1. It is EVERYONE'S responsibility to follow safeguarding practice and to report ALL safeguarding concerns as a matter of urgency.
2. If you are concerned about anyone's welfare, follow training and guidance and report it to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, or use the Safeguarding Report Form.
3. Remember your 5 Rs: Recognise; Respond; Report; Record; Refer.
4. Whistlewood can also offer advice and signpost support.
5. If someone is at immediate risk of harm, call 999.

A large background image of a grassy field with trees. In the foreground, two people are lying on their backs on the grass, looking up at the sky. In the background, there are two wooden tripods or stands. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Whistlewood Common



## Keeping Safe

How Whistlewood aims to safeguard children and adults at risk.

This leaflet outlines our safeguarding policy. It provides advice and guidance about what safeguarding means at Whistlewood, and how we aim to keep our community safe from abuse and harm.

Anyone who visits Whistlewood and wishes to raise a potential safeguarding issue with Whistlewood can ask to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or e-mail: [safeguarding@whistlewoodcommon.org](mailto:safeguarding@whistlewoodcommon.org)





## Safe space

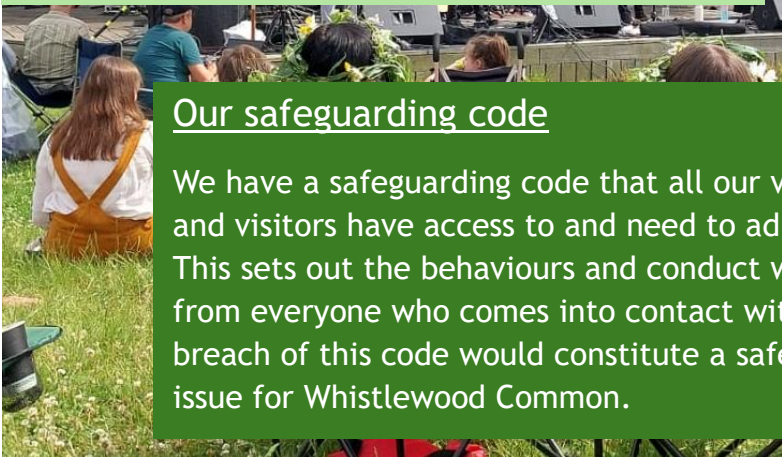
We aim to inspire people of all ages and abilities to get involved and be part of Whistlewood. This is why we take great care and pride in creating safe spaces where our everyone, including children and adults at risk can feel safe. It's everyone's responsibility to help create and maintain these safe spaces.

## Our commitment

At Whistlewood Common we're committed to taking all reasonable steps to ensure the safeguarding and welfare of anyone who meets us. We will make their welfare a priority in all the work we do, and we will respect views, feelings and rights.

## Volunteers, event/workshop leaders

Where any volunteers or event/workshop leaders, will be directly supervising children or adults at risk they will have been subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.



## Our safeguarding code

We have a safeguarding code that all our volunteers and visitors have access to and need to adhere to. This sets out the behaviours and conduct we expect from everyone who comes into contact with us. Any breach of this code would constitute a safeguarding issue for Whistlewood Common.

## Awareness

All our volunteers, event and workshop leaders have been given the tools to make sure they understand what safeguarding is, and how it is part of their role and responsibility. This includes an expectation that they need to challenge others on safeguarding risks, concerns and practice if necessary.



## Wellbeing

The wellbeing of our volunteers and visitors is essential. We ask that if you have any concerns about anyone's wellbeing, that you report this to the most appropriate person. Whistlewood has a Designated Safeguarding Lead who will be the point of contact for anyone wishing to report a suspected safeguarding issue or risk.

## Supervision

If a child or adult at risk visits or engages with Whistlewood Common and has a parent or carer with them, that parent or carer is responsible for them at all times. Without a parent or carer, any child or adult at risk must be supervised by the designated person in accordance with the Whistlewood's safeguarding code. DO NOT place yourself in a situation where you are alone with a child or adult at risk.