



Anti-bullying policy

Dance-Beat works with children and families as part of its activities.

These include: Providing weekly dance classes for children.

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to prevent bullying from happening between children and young people who are a part of our organisation or take part in our activities
- to make sure bullying is stopped as soon as possible if it does happen and that those involved receive the support they need
- to provide information to all staff, volunteers, children and their families about what we should all do to prevent and deal with bullying

This policy statement applies to anyone working on behalf of Dance-Beat including paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, parents and students.

What is bullying?

Bullying includes a range of abusive behaviour that is

- repeated
- intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up based on legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children in the UK. NSPCC Learning provides summaries of the key legislation and guidance on:

- bullying and cyberbullying
- online abuse
- child protection in each nation of the UK.

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and operate in a way that protects them

We recognise that:

- bullying causes real distress and affects a person's health and development
- in some instances, bullying can cause significant harm
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse
- everyone has a role to play in preventing all forms of bullying (including online) and putting a stop to bullying. We will seek to prevent bullying by:
 - developing a code of behaviour that sets out how everyone involved in our organisation is expected to behave, in face-to-face contact and online, and within and outside of our activities
 - holding regular discussions with staff, volunteers about bullying and how to prevent it
 - providing support and training for all staff and volunteers on dealing with all forms of bullying, including racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic and sexual bullying
 - putting clear and robust anti-bullying procedures in place. Our regular discussions with staff, volunteers will focus on:
 - group members' responsibilities to look after one another
 - practising skills such as listening to each other
 - respecting the fact that we are all different
 - making sure that no one is without friends
 - dealing with problems in a positive way
 - checking that our anti-bullying measures are working well.

Responding to bullying:

We will make sure our response to incidents of bullying considers the needs of the person being bullied

- the needs of the person displaying bullying behaviour
- needs of any bystanders
- our organisation.

We will review the plan we have developed to address any incidents of bullying at regular intervals, in order to ensure that the problem has been resolved in the long term.

More information about responding effectively to bullying is available by understanding how to:

- protect children from bullying and cyberbullying
- recognising and responding to abuse.

Diversity and inclusion

Diversity and inclusion We recognise that bullying is closely related to how we respect and recognise the value of diversity. We will be proactive about:

- seeking opportunities to learn about and celebrate difference
- increasing diversity within our staff, volunteers, children and young people
- welcoming new members to our organisation.
- safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures
- managing allegations made against a child or young person
- managing allegations of abuse made against staff and volunteers
- code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- equality, diversity and inclusion policies.

Related policies and procedures:

- safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures
- code of conduct for staff and volunteers

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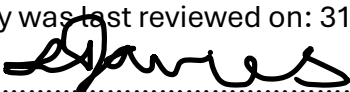
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We are committed to reviewing our policy and practice at least once a year.

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