



Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club

Child Protection Policy

Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club believes:

- That safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever circumstances.
- A child, regardless of age, ability, gender, racial origin, religious belief and sexual orientation has a right to be protected from abuse.
- The rights, dignity and worth of a child should always be respected.
- That everyone with a role in working with children has a moral and legal responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare particularly when it comes to protecting children from abuse.
- That special care is needed in dealing with children whose age, inexperience or ability makes them particularly vulnerable to abuse.

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- Has therefore adopted this Child Protection Policy to ensure that the welfare and safety of children in Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club's care or custody is always the primary consideration.
- Is committed to providing an environment where children can learn about, participate in and enjoy hockey free from harassment or abuse.
- Accepts the moral and legal responsibility to implement procedures, to provide a duty of care for young people, safeguard their well being and protect them from abuse.
- Will respond to any allegations appropriately and implement the appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Respects and promotes the rights, wishes and feelings of young people and disabled adults.
- Will ensure that all employees, volunteers and members will adopt best practice to safeguard and protect young people from abuse, and themselves against false allegations.
- Requires all employees, volunteers and members to adopt and abide by the Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club Conduct, Equity, Child Protection and Discipline Policies.
- This policy applies to: all employees, volunteers and members of Heaton Moor Junior Hockey Club.