



*Providing holidays for disadvantaged children
regardless of race, religion or politics*

Protection of children policy statement

The purpose of the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund CIO (SACHF) is to fund the provision of holidays for disadvantaged children at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire. The Fund has no paid staff, and none of the volunteer trustees is physically involved at the Centre in the care of the children.

As trustees, we are committed to the safeguarding of children and recognise that we all have a responsibility to help prevent harm or abuse to children with care and support needs in all their recognised forms. We believe that every child should be valued, safe and happy.

The Nightingale Centre has a safeguarding policy in place and a copy of that policy is available on request (info@thenightingalecentre.org.uk). Groups attending the Centre funded by SACHF are required to have their own safeguarding policy, and the importance of safeguarding is set out in the Leaders' Guide, sent annually to the leader of each group.

Groups provide their own leaders, and it is the groups' responsibility to ensure that those leaders have the necessary DBS certificates. SACHF requires disclosure of each leader's DBS number on a designated form.

In addition, each leader must submit a signed liability exemption letter confirming that DBS checks have been carried out and successfully completed on all staff and accompanying helpers, and that the group has an appropriate safeguarding policy in place.

In the event of any of the trustees visiting the Centre to meet the children, such visits shall only take place with permission and in the presence of one of the group's leaders. This applies also to any visitors who might accompany trustees.

Sarah Benfield
Chair of Trustees