

BRONIA PEARCE DANCE COMPANY

(BPDC)

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The purpose and scope of this policy statement

Bronia Pearce Dance Company (BPDC) exists to provide high-quality, inclusive dance education and training to children, young people and adults, in an environment guided by our philosophy of "Passion without the pressure".

The purpose of this policy statement is:

- to protect children, young people and adults at risk who receive Bronia Pearce Dance Company (BPDC)'s services from harm.
- to provide staff, as well as children, young people, adults at risk and their families, with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding.

This policy applies to anyone working on behalf of Bronia Pearce Dance Company (BPDC), including senior managers, paid staff, volunteers, sessional workers, agency staff and students.

Legal framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance that seeks to protect children and adults at risk in England.

Supporting documents

This policy statement should be read alongside our organisational policies, procedures, guidance and other related documents:

- Role description for the Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Dealing with disclosures and concerns about a child or young person
- Managing allegations against staff and volunteers
- Code of conduct for staff
- Behaviour codes for children, young people and adults at risk
- Photography and sharing images guidance
- Safer recruitment
- Online safety
- Recording concerns and information sharing
- Child protection records retention and storage
- Anti-bullying
- Managing complaints
- Whistleblowing
- Health and safety

- Induction, training, supervision and support
- Adult to child supervision ratios

Templates or guidance are provided for highlighted policies. There are also links to resources at the end of this guidance document for other policy templates and guidance.

We believe that:

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

We recognise that:

- the welfare of children is paramount in all the work we do and in all the decisions we take
- working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare
- all children, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation have an equal right to protection from all types of harm or abuse
- some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- extra safeguards may be needed to keep children who are additionally vulnerable safe from abuse

We will seek to keep children, young people and adults at risk safe by:

- valuing, listening to and respecting them
- appointing a nominated child protection lead for children, young people and adults at risk, a deputy and a lead trustee/board member for safeguarding
- adopting child protection and safeguarding best practice through our policies, procedures and code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- developing and implementing an effective online safety policy and related procedures
- providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support, training and quality assurance measures so that all staff and volunteers know about and follow our policies, procedures and behaviour codes confidently and competently
- recruiting and selecting staff and volunteers safely, ensuring all necessary checks are made
- recording and storing and using information professionally and securely, in line with data protection legislation and guidance (more information about this is available from the Information Commissioner's Office)
- sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children and their families via leaflets, posters, group work and one-to-one discussions
- making sure that children, young people and their families know where to go for help if they have a concern
- using our safeguarding and child protection procedures to share concerns and relevant information with agencies who need to know, and involving children, young people, parents, families and carers appropriately
- using our procedures to manage any allegations against staff and volunteers appropriately
- creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensuring that we have a policy and procedure to help us deal effectively with any bullying that does arise
- ensuring that we have effective complaints and whistleblowing measures in place
- ensuring that we provide a safe physical environment for our children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance
- building a safeguarding culture where staff and volunteers, children, young people and their families, treat each other with respect and are comfortable about sharing concerns.

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This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if legislation or guidance changes.