Online Safety Policy Statement

Art Camp UK is committed to creating a safe and positive online environment for children, young people, and families participating in our programs, including Creative Workshops and Art Camp Live Broadcasts. This policy statement outlines our commitment to online safety and the standards we uphold to protect all participants from potential online risks.

Objectives

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is paramount when using the internet, social media, or mobile devices.
- Provide clear guidelines for staff and volunteers on maintaining online safety and protecting our community.
- Ensure Art Camp UK operates in line with its values and complies with applicable laws regarding online safety.

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, children, young people, and anyone involved in Art Camp UK's activities.

Legal Framework

This policy is informed by relevant legislation, policies, and guidance aimed at protecting children in England. Key resources include:

- Online Abuse
- Bullying
- Child Protection

Beliefs and Principles

We believe that:

- Children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind.
- Children should be able to use the internet for education and development in a safe environment.

We recognize that:

- The online world offers vast opportunities but also poses risks and challenges.
- We have a responsibility to protect all children, young people, and adults involved with Art Camp UK from online harm.
- All children, regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation, have the right to equal protection from harm and abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, parents, carers, and external agencies is crucial to promoting online safety.

Safeguarding Actions

To ensure the online safety of children and young people, we will:

- **Appoint an Online Safety Coordinator:** Jon Wiltshire.
- **Establish Clear Guidelines for Behaviour Online:** Staff and volunteers must adhere to our online behaviour code.
- **Art Camp has a zero policy on children bringing and using phones or tablets.** Please leave them at home… We encourage outdoor lay and creativity at all our camps.
- **Any phones or tablets will be locked away and given back at the end of the day**
- **Educate and Encourage Responsible Online Use:** We provide guidance for young people on safe internet, social media, and mobile device usage and encourage respect for others.
- **Support Parents and Carers:** We help them understand how to keep their children safe online.
- **Implement an Online Safety Agreement:** This agreement, created for young people and their parents/carers, sets expectations for safe online behaviour.
- **Develop Incident Response Procedures:** We have clear processes for addressing inappropriate online behaviour from adults or young people.
- **Maintain Security of Information Systems:** Regular reviews ensure our systems are secure.
- **Enforce Effective Login and Password Usage:** Only authorized users have access to Art Camp UK's systems.
- **Protect Personal Information:** We securely store personal data and only share it as appropriate.
- **Obtain Consent for Use of Images:** Images of children, young people, and families are only used with written permission and for specified purposes.
- **Provide Staff and Volunteer Training:** We deliver training and support for all team members on online safety best practices.
- **Assess New Platforms and Technologies:** We evaluate any social media platforms or technologies before use within our organization.

Responding to Online Abuse

If online abuse occurs, Art Camp UK will respond by:

- **Following Clear Safeguarding Procedures:** We have protocols in place for managing abuse, including online abuse.
- **Providing Comprehensive Training:** Our staff and volunteers are trained to handle all forms of abuse, including bullying, cyberbullying, emotional abuse, sexting, sexual abuse, and exploitation.
- **Taking a Person-Centered Approach:** Our response considers the needs of the person experiencing abuse, any bystanders, and the organization's overall welfare.
- **Regularly Reviewing Our Response:** We periodically assess our response plans to ensure issues are fully addressed and resolved.

Related Policies and Procedures

This policy should be read in conjunction with Art Camp UK's other policies, including:

- Child Protection
- Procedures for Responding to Concerns about a Child's Wellbeing
- Managing Allegations Against Staff and Volunteers
- Code of Conduct for Staff and Volunteers
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Photography and Image Sharing Guidance

[For more details on these policies, visit the NSPCC's Safeguarding and Child Protection resources.](#)

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