

Child Safeguarding Policy

North Wales Choral Union

1. Policy Statement

The North Wales Choral Union is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all members, volunteers, and parents/carers to share this commitment.

The Choir recognises its duty of care but does not provide childcare or supervision for children. The safety and wellbeing of children attending rehearsals, concerts, or events remains the responsibility of their parent or legal guardian at all times.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All choir rehearsals, concerts, workshops, and events
- All children under the age of 18
- All members, committee members, volunteers, and visiting professionals

3. Key Principle: Parental Responsibility

- Children must not be left unattended at any time during rehearsals, performances, or events.
- Parents or legal guardians remain responsible for their child at all times, including during rehearsals and breaks.
- The North Wales Choral Union does not accept responsibility for supervising children before, during, or after any activity.
- Children must arrive with and leave with their parent/carer unless explicit written arrangements have been agreed in advance.

4. Expectations of Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Remain on site for the duration of rehearsals and events
- Ensure their child behaves safely and respectfully
- Inform the Choir of any medical, behavioural, or additional needs relevant to their child's safety

Failure to comply with these expectations may result in the child being unable to participate in future activities.

5. Expectations of Choir Members and Volunteers

Choir members and volunteers:

- Are not responsible for the supervision of children
- Should avoid being alone with a child where possible
- Must report any safeguarding concerns to the Chair or designated committee member
- Should challenge unsafe practices, including children being left unattended

6. Safeguarding Concerns

If a safeguarding concern arises:

- The matter should be reported immediately to the Chair or a designated committee member
- If a child is at immediate risk of harm, emergency services should be contacted
- Concerns will be handled sensitively, confidentially, and in line with Welsh safeguarding guidance

7. Photography and Media

- Photographs or recordings of children will only be taken with parental consent
- Images will be used respectfully and only for Choir-related purposes

Parental Responsibility & Safeguarding Acknowledgement Form

North Wales Choral Union

Child's Name: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Acknowledgement

I confirm that I have read and understood the Child Safeguarding Policy of the North Wales Choral Union and agree that:

- I understand that children must not be left unattended
- I accept that my child remains my responsibility at all times
- I understand that the Choir does not provide childcare or supervision
- I will inform the Choir of any relevant medical or safeguarding information

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____