

OASI Child Protection/Safeguarding Guidelines

(A child is anyone under the age of 18 years)

Child protection is every adult's responsibility

To both protect children, and to protect you from any unfounded allegations:

- Children must be accompanied at all events by a parent (or guardian, or a person nominated by them)
- Treat all young people with respect and dignity
- Maintain an appropriate distance as far as possible
- Never be alone with a child or children, in a room or outside
- If any form of manual/physical support (such as at a telescope) is required the parent must always be consulted and their agreement gained
- Never communicate electronically with a child without always copying in a parent/guardian
- Never take photographs that include children without parental consent

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To report a concern yourself directly or to consult someone, the Suffolk County Council Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is via this url: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/keeping-children-safe/reporting-a-child-at-risk-of-harm-abuse-or-neglect-safeguarding>

If you'd like to discuss whether the situation you're concerned about should be the subject of a safeguarding referral, please contact the MASH Consultation Line on 0345 606 1499