



**SCOUTS UNITAIRES DE FRANCE IN LONDON**

## **SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

It is the policy of the Scouts Unitaires de France in London to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

We are committed to:

- Taking all reasonable practicable steps to protect them from neglect, physical, sexual and emotional abuse.
- Prioritising the interests and well-being of young people in all our considerations and activities.
- Respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom we work.
- Promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a position of trust.

All adults part of the group, Scouts Unitaires de France in London, who wish to work with young people are responsible for putting this policy into practice at all times.

An adult in Scouting has a responsibility to ensure that young people are protected from harm. It is the responsibility of each adult in Scouts Unitaires de France in London to ensure that:

- Their behaviour is appropriate at all times.
- They observe the rules established for the safety and security of young people.
- They follow the procedures following suspicion, disclosure or allegation of child abuse.
- They recognise the position of trust in which they have been placed.
- In every respect, the relationships they form with the young people under their care are appropriate.

Young people thrive in safe surroundings. We're committed to ensuring that Scouting is both enjoyable and safe for everyone who takes part, along with providing parents with peace of mind.

### Appointing those who work with young people

All volunteers who help to run our activities give their time freely to help young people enjoy Scouting.

Leaders are interviewed locally and asked to provide references. Everyone working with young people in Scouts Unitaires de France in London is asked to undertake a Criminal Record Check, known as a 'DBS'.

### Code of behaviour

We have a clear code of behaviour which is given to all adults working in Scouts Unitaires de France in London, regardless of their role. This is also included in the training that leaders receive and offers advice about how young people should be treated. We expect everyone to follow it.

If you volunteer to help out with an activity, you'll be given one too, and if you would like to see a copy of the code of behaviour for adults, just ask any of your child's leaders or visit the safeguarding area of our website.



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### Training

We expect all leaders to take courses in basic first aid and child protection. Special training CEP 1 et CEP 2 are provided by the S.U.F. organisation in France for those taking young people away on residential events like camps and sleepovers.

### Outings and camps

All leaders taking young people on outings or camps will give you notice in writing, ask for your permission and provide you with a method of contacting the group while they are away.

### What to do if you have concerns

If you are unhappy with anything relating to your child's time in Scouts Unitaires de France in London you should raise it with your child's leaders. If you would rather speak to someone else, please contact the Group chiefs:

Jean-Baptiste and Elodie Brian, 07775877907, [cg@groupe-suf-londres.org](mailto:cg@groupe-suf-londres.org)

or

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and/or

if relevant the safeguarding representatives:

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The S.U.F. in London also has a whistleblowing policy & procedure please refer to our website.