

Child Protection Policy and Procedure

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Scope

Volunteer Action is firmly committed to the belief that all children have a fundamental right to be protected from harm and fully recognises its responsibility for child protection.

Volunteer Action will drive unaccompanied children only as part of their contract with Oundle School. All drivers who volunteer for these drives will undertake additional training supplied by Oundle School and commit to following their safeguarding policies and procedures.

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Volunteer Action will undertake other drives involving children only if there is an accompanying parent or guardian.

We will only ever drive a person under the age of 18 years old, outside of the Oundle School work, if they are living with a disabling condition and are always accompanied by a legal guardian.

Recruitment and training

- All staff and volunteers will be required to provide references.
- All volunteer drivers will have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.
- All staff and volunteer drivers who drive for the Oundle School Community Action programme will be given a copy of the Child Protection Policy when they join and an overview of the policy will be included in their compulsory initial training. The policy will also be available on Volunteer Action's website.
- All volunteers who drive for the Oundle School Community Action programme must be aware of and adhere to the Oundle School Child Safeguarding policy

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- All volunteers who drive for the Oundle School Community Action Programme must complete the online Child Protection training required by Oundle School and notify Volunteer Action when they have completed it.