



BACKWELL SWIMMING CLUB CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Backwell Swimming Club believes that all children and young people have the right to enjoy their chosen sport free from all forms of abuse or exploitation.

The Club accepts the principles enshrined in the Children's Act 1989, that the welfare of the child is paramount.

Every child has a right to protection. All allegations of abuse will be taken seriously, and responded to quickly and appropriately.

All those working within Backwell Swimming Club have a responsibility to report child protection concerns to the Child Welfare Officer (CWO).

If abuse is suspected, the CWO will refer the matter to the Statutory and/or Voluntary Agencies concerned with child abuse, and collaborate fully with their recommendations.

All those working or seeking to work with children within the Club, are required to undergo screening as recommended by the Amateur Swimming Association, and in accordance with Government legislation, in order to assess their suitability for working with children. Anyone refusing to undergo such screening will not be eligible to work with children in Backwell Swimming Club.

All those working within Backwell Swimming Club are required to familiarise themselves with the Club's Child Protection policy and procedures.

The Club will review its Child Protection policy every 3 years or whenever there is a major change in the organisation or in relevant legislation.

This policy applies to all staff and volunteers.

Our Child Welfare Officer is named in the Club information folder that is available to BSC members on Club nights.