



## FOSV Safeguarding Policy

Definition of Safeguarding Children:

“Protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children’s health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.”

It is the policy of FOSV not to carry out any work which involves close and unsupervised contact with any children or anything that would be considered a regulated activity as set out in the below Department of Education guidance:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/550197/Regulated\\_activity\\_in\\_relation\\_to\\_children.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550197/Regulated_activity_in_relation_to_children.pdf)

Examples of not regulated activities include:

- ☐ Running or helping at an event on the school site with school staff
- ☐ Running or helping at an event off the school site where parents accompany their children
- ☐ Helping on a school trip off the school site with school staff
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As FOSV do not carry out regulated activities as defined above, DBS checks are not required for volunteers at FOSV events though the school retains their discretion to require DBS checks are undertaken in accordance with their own safeguarding policy as required.

At all events where children are present, parents/guardians are required to supervise their own children. At all events where children are present without their parents/guardians, school staff are ultimately responsible for the children and the school’s safeguarding policy will be followed at all times. PTA volunteers will not under any circumstances supervise toilet visits.

FOSV will always aim to support the school’s aim to ensure that Children feel secure in a safe environment in which they can learn and develop and that Children know that there are adults in the school whom they can approach if worried or in difficulty. As such should any cause for concern arise, the PTA will inform the school’s Named Person for Child Protection in accordance with the school’s own safeguarding policy.

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or earlier if the committee deem it necessary.

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