



Online Safety Policy

The purpose of this policy is to protect children and young people who engage with and participate in activities at The Carver Theatre, and who make use of information technology such as mobile phones, games consoles and the internet, as part of their involvement with us.

It is also to provide members and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to e-safety and to ensure that as a Society we operate in line and within the law in terms of how we use information technology and behave online.

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Encouraging children and young people attending Carver Theatre activities to use the opportunities offered by the internet and social media in a way that keeps them safe and shows respect for others.
- Use our procedures to deal firmly, fairly, and decisively with any examples of inappropriate ICT use or behaviour, complaints or allegations, whether by an adult or a child/young person (these may include breaches of filtering, illegal use, downloading or creating indecent images of children, cyberbullying, or use of ICT to groom a child or to perpetrate abuse)
- Informing parents and carers of incidents of concern as appropriate.
- Reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly ensuring that the personal information of volunteers, and participant's (including participant names) are not published on our website.
- Ensuring that images of children, young people and families are used only after their appropriate permission has been obtained, and only for the purpose for which consent has been given.
- Ensuring that any instance of cyberbullying is recorded and reported in line with The Carver Theatre's Anti-bullying policy.