



## Child Protection/Safeguarding Policy

(Appendix C to Group Welcome Pack dated January 2020)

It is the policy of The Scout Association and therefore of 1<sup>st</sup> Claygate Scout Group to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Scout Association and therefore 1<sup>st</sup> Claygate Scout Group are committed to:

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

All adults in Scouting, including members of the Scout Network 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 Scouting 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.

The Scout Association publishes a 'Safe and Sound' leaflet for parents at

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/supportandresources/Safeguarding/Safe%20and%20Sound%20leaflet.pdf>