

LANCASHIRE AIKIKAI



Child Protection Form 2

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS CARERS AND OVER 16S

Thank you for showing an interest in Aikido. We aim to ensure that Lancashire Aikikai provides safe and enjoyable practice of the martial art. We hope you never need to use the phone numbers on this form but we give them to all new starters.

If you are unhappy about any element of your child's Aikido experience, then please contact the club teacher. If this is difficult for any reason, then our Child Welfare Officer and Child Protection Officer are here to help.

Aikido Contact Details :-

Club Teacher **

Club Welfare Officer **

Child Protection Officer - Wendy Wallace 0161 449 7474

Further advice on child protection matters can be obtained from: -

NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000 www.donthideit.com

Childline on 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Kidscape on 08451 205 204 www.kidscape.org.uk

Local numbers: -

Social Services
Emergency Number **

Police **

Your assistance would be appreciated in ensuring that children arrive and picked up promptly.

We outline below some aspects of our Child Protection policies because we believe that they are important. We encourage you to talk to your child about this information. We give this sheet to all over 16s and we give the helpline numbers to all children.

Our responsibility is to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to our care. We are committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

In the pursuit of good practice, in Aikido and to comply with the law, all young people under the age of 18 years are protected by our Child Protection policies.

The key principles of the policies are: -

- The welfare of all young people is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children and young people should be able to enjoy Aikido safe from abuse of any kind, regardless of their age, gender, culture, ability, language, religious beliefs, racial origin, and/or sexual orientation.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse, incidents of poor practice or suspicions of poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Working in partnership with parents/carers is essential for the protection of young people.
- Bullying, is a form of abuse, and is not acceptable.

The policies apply to everyone in Aikido.

We will ensure that:

- all adults who have direct or indirect “regular supervisory contact with children and young people” undertake a criminal records check .
- Coaches hold up-to-date British Aikido Board coaching qualifications, and current insurance cover.
- Coaches follow a national Code of Conduct.
- Coaching qualifications are verified.
- Coaches and Volunteers have access to induction training that covers current Child Protection Policies and Procedures.
- Where the conduct of a coach or volunteer falls below the standards we have set we will take the disciplinary action necessary to protect children

The Club and Aikikai will fully support and protect any member who in good faith reports concerns that another member is, or may be abusing a child.

If you want to see the full policy you can find it at on our website www.lancashireaikikai.org or by asking the Club Welfare Officer for a copy.

If you want to see our governing body’s policy (British Aikido Board) you can find it at www.bab.org.uk/child_protection/child_protection.asp by asking the Club Welfare Officer for a copy.