

## NEWTOWN TWINNING ASSOCIATION SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

Newtown Twinning Association believes that it is always unacceptable for a child or a young person to experience any kind of abuse and recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people.

Safeguarding involves protecting children and young people from abuse which may be:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

We recognise that:

- The safeguarding of the child/young person is paramount.
- All children regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential in promoting young people's welfare.

The safeguarding of children and young people is the primary responsibility of parents or carers. Only the children of members of the Newtown Twinning Association or its partner organisation in Les Herbiers or families invited by members should participate in events that it arranges. When attending residential events, children and young people should be accompanied by a parent, carer or an adult family member.

### Photography

The taking, and publication on the internet, of images of under six-teens is an increasingly sensitive issue. Such sensitivities can involve identification issues and/or sexual exploitation. For example, some children involved in Twinning activities may well be living in Newtown having fled domestic abuse and with Social Media being what it is, this could easily lead to the identification of their current home location.

If a member has concerns about the safety of a child or a young person, they should refer it to an appropriate authority, details of which can be found at:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/childrens-services/report-child-abuse/>

This policy applies to all members of Newtown Twinning Association