



Child Safe Policy

At Sound Garden Music Academy, we're committed to creating a safe and supportive environment where children can thrive in their musical journey. By adhering to this child safety policy and working together with parents, staff, and volunteers, we ensure the well-being and protection of all children in our care.

1. Commitment to Child Safety

Sound Garden Music Academy is dedicated to promoting the safety, welfare, and best interests of all children who participate in our programs. We recognise that children have the right to feel safe and respected in all educational settings, and we are committed to maintaining an environment free from harm, abuse, and neglect.

2. Code of Conduct

All staff members, including teachers, administrators, and volunteers, are required to adhere to a strict code of conduct that prioritises the safety and well-being of children. This includes:

- Treating all students with respect, dignity, and fairness.
- Establishing clear boundaries in teacher-student interactions.
- Avoiding any physical or verbal behaviour that could be perceived as abusive or inappropriate.
- Ensuring that all interactions with children are conducted in an open and transparent manner.

3. Staff and Volunteer Screening

All staff and volunteers working at Sound Garden Music Academy require proof of a current Working with Children Check.

4. Private Music Lessons

In our private music lessons, the safety and well-being of each child remain our top priority. We understand the importance of creating a safe and secure environment where children can learn and develop their musical skills with confidence. Our teachers are trained to maintain professional boundaries and create a nurturing learning environment.

We ensure that our physical environment is safe and suitable for children. This includes:

- Regularly inspecting the premises to identify and resolve any potential hazards.
- Maintaining clean, organised, and child-friendly spaces for lessons and activities.
- Ensuring that all equipment, instruments, and materials are safe for use by children.

5. Student Supervision

We ensure that all students are properly supervised during lessons, rehearsals, and other activities. Teachers are expected to arrive early and stay with students until they are safely picked up by a parent or guardian. We request that parents or guardians notify the academy in advance if someone other than the usual pick-up person will be collecting their child.

6. Parental Involvement in Baby and Toddler Classes

For baby and toddler classes where parents are required to be in attendance, we recognise the importance of parental involvement in ensuring the safety and well-being of young children. While parents/guardians are present during these classes, we have specific guidelines in place to maintain a safe and supportive environment for both children and adults:

Equipment Safety: We ensure that all equipment and instruments used in baby and toddler classes are age-appropriate, properly maintained, and free from any hazards. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their child's safe use of equipment and instruments during class.

Hygiene Practices: We promote good hygiene practices. All equipment gets sanitised and cleansed at the end of every session.

Emergency Procedures: In the event of an emergency, parents/guardians are instructed to follow the directions of our staff and to assist their child as needed. Our staff are trained in emergency procedures and will take appropriate action to ensure the safety of all individuals present.

7. Clear Communication with Parents and Guardians

We believe in maintaining open and transparent communication with parents and guardians. Key policies and procedures, including the Child Safety Policy, are made available to all families. We encourage parents and guardians to be actively involved in their child's musical journey and to communicate any concerns or questions they may have.

8. Reporting and Responding to Concerns

Sound Garden Music Academy has clear procedures in place for reporting any concerns related to child safety. If a student, parent, or staff member suspects any form of harm, abuse, or neglect, we encourage them to immediately report it to a trusted staff member. All concerns will be taken seriously and handled with the utmost care and confidentiality, in line with local child protection laws.

8. Review and Continuous Improvement

We are committed to regularly reviewing and updating our Child Safety Policy to ensure it remains effective and aligned with best practices. We welcome feedback from students, families, and staff to help us improve and strengthen our policies and procedures.

9. Support for Students and Families

We recognise that safety is not just about policies but also about building relationships of trust and support. We are committed to listening to students and parents, providing resources for any concerns, and fostering an open environment where everyone feels heard and valued.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our Child Safety Policy, or if you need to report a child safety issue, please contact:

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