



Sei-Shin Kan School of Karate Reading Taijiquan Academy



CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy believe that it is always unacceptable for any person to experience abuse of any kind, especially when a child or young person is involved and recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people, by a commitment to practice which protects them. Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy recognise that:

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:

- To provide protection for the children and young people who receive the services of Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy.
- To provide instructors, students, parents and volunteers with guidance on procedures they should adopt in the event that they suspect a child or young person may be experiencing, or be at risk of, harm. This policy applies to all students (adult and child) and volunteers engaged with Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy.

SEI SHIN KAN SCHOOL OF KARATE & READING TAIJIQUAN ACADEMY WILL SEEK TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BY:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Adopting child protection guidelines through procedures and a code of conduct for all students and volunteers
- Sharing information about child protection and good practice with children, parents, students and volunteers
- Sharing information about concerns with agencies who need to know, and involving parents and children appropriately

Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy is committed to reviewing the policy and good practice annually.



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PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD

These procedures apply to all instructors, students, parents and volunteers of Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy and sets out the steps to follow if you have concerns that a child is subject to abuse.

Different categories of child abuse - These are physical, emotional, sexual abuse, and neglect. You can learn more about the types of abuse from the NSPCC website.

How to Report Concerns – In the first instance you should indicate that you wish to speak directly and privately with the Named Persons Responsible for Child Protection; Viki Lloyd and / or Pete Evans. Your concerns will be listened to, written down and recorded. Your concerns will be properly and promptly reported to Reading Borough Council. Concerns can also be reported directly via the Reading Borough Council website of Reading Children's and Voluntary Youth Services.

Confidentiality - Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy recognise the legal principle the 'welfare of the child is paramount'. Privacy and confidentiality will be respected but not if a child is at risk of harm. In this situation, the child's safety will come first. For a detailed procedures document, contact the Lead Instructor or the Assistant Instructor.

The Sei Shin Kan School of Karate & Reading Taijiquan Academy Child Protection Policy and Procedures for Reporting Concerns documents will be reviewed annually.

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