



**BEXLEY Swimming Club**  
Registered Charity No: 1156407



## ASA Child Safeguarding Policy Statement

**BEXLEY Swimming Club** is committed to providing an environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

In order to achieve this, the organisation agrees to:

1. Adopt and implement the policies and procedures in **Wavepower** in full.
2. Recognise that all children participating in the **BEXLEY Swimming Club** organisation (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to enjoy their involvement in aquatics in a safe environment and be protected from harm.
3. Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the **BEXLEY Swimming Club** or organisation, whether paid or voluntary, provide a positive, safe and enjoyable experience for children.
4. Appoint a welfare officer with the necessary skills and training as outlined by the ASA who will take the lead in dealing with all child safeguarding matters raised within the organisation.
5. Ensure that the welfare officer's name and contact details are known to all staff, members and parents of members.
6. Ensure the welfare officer is available to discuss issues of concern on matters of safeguarding and deal with such concerns appropriately and in line with **Wavepower**.
7. Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the **BEXLEY Swimming Club** or organisation have undertaken the appropriate training, have had the relevant DBS checks, and adhere to the required practices for safeguarding children as outlined in **Wavepower**.
8. Ensure that all individuals who will be working or will work with children in the **BEXLEY Swimming Club** organisation have been recruited in accordance with the ASA Safe Recruitment Policy.
9. Ensure that all individuals who work with children in the organisation have the appropriate training, code of conduct and good practice to follow in line with the guidance in **Wavepower**.
10. Provide all members of the organisation and parents of members with the opportunity to raise concerns in a safe and confidential manner if they have a concern about a child's welfare.
11. Ensure that all child safeguarding matters, whether they be concerns about child welfare or protection, are dealt with appropriately in accordance with the guidance for reporting and action in **Wavepower**.
12. Ensure that confidentiality is maintained appropriately and in line with the best interests of the child.
13. Ensure all papers relating to child safeguarding matters are held in a safe and secure manner.

## Child Welfare

Should any swimmer or parent/carer or any other person wish to raise any issue related to child welfare please contact the Club's Welfare Officer:

Lesley Morse - [welfare.officer@bexleyswimmingclub.com](mailto:welfare.officer@bexleyswimmingclub.com)

Useful links and contacts:

**Child Protection in Sport Unit** - [www.thecpsu.org.uk/](http://www.thecpsu.org.uk/)

**Wavepower** - [www.swimming.org](http://www.swimming.org)

### Local Authority Services:

Bexley Safeguarding Children Service – 0208 303 777 (9am-5pm)

Child Abuse Investigation team – 0207 230 3700 (8am-6pm)

Bexley Emergency Duty Service – 0208 303 777 (outside office hours incl. weekends)

### Other Services:

CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit) - 0116 234 7278

NSPCC Child Protection Helpline - 0808 800 5000

Childline - 0800 1111

ASA Swimline - 0808 100 4001