

SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

All members and helpers of Masque Players Amateur Dramatic Group (“the Group”) and particularly those involved in direct physical contact with young performers, must be careful of their conduct including **Use of Language, Touch and General Behaviour**.

Physical contact

All unnecessary physical contact must be avoided so that either young people or adults cannot misinterpret innocent actions.

Wherever possible direct physical contact with children and young people for the purpose of costume dressing or make up should be carried out in the presence of other adults, and must not involve intimate touching.

General behaviour

Meetings with children and young people should not be undertaken alone, and preferably another adult should be present. The venue should be accessible to other people.

Special relationships and favouritism should be avoided as they are divisive and can be misinterpreted.

Any unusual comments or disturbing behaviour by either a child/young person about an adult member of the Group, a peer or family member must be reported to the nominated person with child protection responsibilities or a senior member of the Group. This person should, where appropriate, support the adult and refer their concerns to the child protection team of social services.