



Sampford Courtenay Parish Council

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Safeguarding Children Policy – Bullet Points

Sampford Courtenay Parish Council takes its responsibility to ensure the safety and promote the welfare of the children that use the play equipment and the village green very seriously. This is in line with the procedures laid out by the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). If there are any causes for concern they must be reported to the relevant bodies following LSCB procedures.

A full copy of this policy can be obtained from the Clerk as detailed above.

Summary

The play area on the Village Green is open to the public and is unsupervised. It is therefore recommended that **young children be accompanied by an adult and that older children inform their parent/carer as to their whereabouts when using the facilities.**

The Village Green is enclosed on 4 sides and there are gates to the road. For the safety of children **dog owners are prohibited from exercising their dogs on the Village Green** and a notice informing them of this is displayed on both gates to the green.

Action Points

If there is an immediate risk of INJURY, abuse or neglect - Contact Emergency Services dialing 999

Grid reference for the Village Green is SS632 012 What 3 words is ///quicksand.insurance.shaver

Post code of the properties to the west of the green is EX20 2SZ.

There is a defibrillator in the old phone box in the Square what 3 words ///jubilant.sediment.aware

Allegation of Abuse

Where an allegation of abuse is made, the need to protect the child must come first and Social Services must be contacted. In all circumstances you must:-

- Record what you have been told using the child's exact words as far as is possible
- Make a note of the date, time, place and people who were present at the discussion
- Record the child's full name, age and address
- Record any action taken such as speaking to the child's parents/carers
- Follow up your phone call to social services with a letter within 48 hours
- All contact with social services duty team must be recorded. All documentation including records of concern and MASH enquiries must be kept securely.

Telephone Numbers

Deborah Taylor-Morris – local Safe guarding Children Protection Officer – 01837 82743

Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership **0345 1551071** or via online referral [DCC MASH](#)
Devon Childrens Social Care (Children and Young People's Services) - **03451551071** or email **mashsecure@devon.gov.uk**

Social Care Emergency Duty Team - **0345 6000 388**

LADO (Local Authority Designated Officers) – **01392 384964**