



Saint Edmund Pacers Child Protection Policy

As a club we follow British Athletics (UK Athletics) guidelines for child protection.

Full details can be found on the British Athletics website which can be found at <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/>. Go to the search bar at the top of the page to search on Child Protection.

Our coaches must follow British Athletics best practice at all times.

Best practice means:

- Being open and conducting all interactions with children in a public place and with appropriate consent
- Avoiding situations where you are alone with one child
- If you have to meet or coach one child ensure it is conducted in an open environment, and where full consent and emergency contact details have been provided
- If you are travelling alone with a child gain appropriate consent, avoid consistently having one child alone with you in the car and never sharing a room on your own with a child
- Challenging bullying, harassment, foul or provocative language or controlling behaviour that could upset individuals or reduce them to tears
- Never ignoring bullying by parents, coaches or children. Listening to, and supporting, the person being bullied
- Maintaining an appropriate relationship with children; this means treating people fairly, with respect and avoiding favouritism
- Being friendly and open and ensuring that relationships are appropriate for someone in a position of power and trust
- Respecting all athletes and helping them to take responsibility for their own development and decision making
- Avoiding unnecessary physical contact. In certain circumstances physical contact is perfectly acceptable and appropriate, as long as it is not intrusive or disturbing to the athlete and that consent for contact has been given by the individual and appropriate parental consent
- Being qualified and insured for the activities you are coaching and ensuring that your licence remains valid. Ensure that your practice is appropriate for the age and development stage of each athlete