

Orwell Astronomical Society (Ipswich)

Child Protection Policy

Child Protection Principles

OASI (The Orwell Astronomical Society (Ipswich)) is fully committed to protecting children.

Whenever there is contact between OASI and children the society recognises that a child's welfare is paramount in all circumstances.

In fulfilling our obligations in respect to Child Protection, OASI adopts the Federation of Astronomical Societies Guidelines on Child Protection.

OASI will make this policy statement and the Federation of Astronomical Societies Child Protection Guidelines available to all members.

Responsibilities

Within OASI the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Federation of Astronomical Societies Child Protection Guidelines lays with Michael Whybray (Committee member for Workshops and Child Protection).

The secondary, or back up person responsible for Child Protection in OASI is the Chairman Andrew Gibbs.

Contact Details

If you want to report or discuss a concern:

Michael Whybray is available on 07917 024759 or whybray@btinternet.com

In the event of the unavailability of the primary responsible person for Child Protection in OASI, please contact the OASI Chairman Andrew Gibbs on 07716 579759.

To report a concern yourself directly or to consult someone, the Suffolk County Council guidance is here:
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/keeping-children-safe/reporting-a-child-at-risk-of-harm-abuse-or-neglect-safeguarding>

If you'd like to discuss whether the situation you're concerned about should be the subject of a safeguarding referral, please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Consultation Line on 0345 606 1499

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