

# Reading Families' Forum

*A voice for families of children and young people with  
special educational needs and/or disabilities*

## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR FOR ALL WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

This policy applies to all Steering group members, paid staff and contractors working with Reading Families' Forum.

We agree to:

- treat all children and adults with respect;
- provide an example of good conduct that we wish others to follow;
- ensure that, whenever possible, there is more than one other responsible adult present during activities with children and vulnerable adults; or at least within sight or hearing of another responsible adult;
- respect a child or vulnerable adults' right to personal privacy;
- be aware that physical contact with a child or vulnerable adult may be misinterpreted;
- ensure that all interactions with children and vulnerable adults are age appropriate, situation appropriate and socially appropriate;
- recognise that special caution is required when you are discussing sensitive issues with children or vulnerable adults;
- operate within the Forum' principles and guidance, including data protection;
- Challenge unacceptable behaviour and report all allegations or suspicions of abuse.

This policy was written with reference to the NSPCC Safe Guidance Network.

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