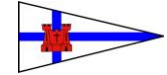




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Handout for Instructors, Coaches and All Volunteers

This guide only covers the essential points when working with children and young people.

It should be read with the Lough Erne Yacht Club Child Protection Policy and Procedures which are available in the Club Office and on the Club Website.

- Avoid spending any significant time working with children in isolation
- Do not take children alone in a car, however short the journey
- Do not take children to your home as part of your organisation's activity
- Where any of the above are unavoidable, ensure that they only occur with the full knowledge and consent of someone in charge of the organisation or the child's parent/s or guardian.
- Design training programmes that are within the ability of the individual child
- If a child is having difficulty with a wetsuit or buoyancy aid, ask them to ask a friend to help if possible.
- If you do have to help a child, make sure you are in full view of others, preferably another adult.

You should never:

- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games.
- Allow children to use inappropriate language or use such language yourself when with children
- Make sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.
- Fail to respond to an allegation made by a child.
- Do things of a personal nature that a child can do for themselves.

NOTE

It may sometimes be necessary to do things of a personal nature for children particularly if they are very young or have a disability. These tasks should only be carried out with the full understanding and consent of the child (where possible) and their parent/s or guardians. In an emergency situation which requires this type of help, parents or guardians should be fully informed. In such situations it is important to ensure that any adult present is sensitive to the child and undertakes personal care tasks with the utmost discretion

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