

Commitment.

The RSPBA is committed to ensuring that its safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice. Our policy applies to **all children up to the age of 16 years and adults at risk.**

The policy and procedure documents relating to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups have been published on the RSPBA web site under the "Forms" sub menu "**Protection of Vulnerable Groups**" for reference. These documents apply to individuals who are engaged either in a paid or unpaid capacity to undertake duties regarded as regulated work on behalf of RSPBA Headquarters.

Bands (and Branches) are advised to develop and publish their Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) and Child Protection policies and procedures.

Playing in a Band, should be a fun place for children to be. They are learning new skills, making new friends and enjoying being part of a team.

All Instructors and Assessors undertaking regulated work should be members of the PVG Scheme (or national equivalent).

Expectation.

What you should expect when your child is joining a band:

The band should have a designated PVG/Child Protection Officer and you and your child should be provided with contact details.

Your child should contact the PVG/Child Protection Officer if feeling uneasy or anxious.

The band should have a PVG/Child Protection Policy and you should be informed how to access it e.g. website/paper copy.

All instructors and other appropriate staff should be members of the PVG Scheme.

Instructors should have undergone regular Child Protection or Vulnerable Groups Training.

The band should request that you provide information on medication, allergies, next of kin/emergency contacts, special requirements, and consents for travel and photos/videos.

The band should have a trained first aider at band practices or other band events.

The band should have a policy about inappropriate communication with young people, especially through social media and an anti-bullying policy.

The band should be happy to take feedback from you, and answer your concerns.

Your child should enjoy participating in all pipe band activities.



Support.

Children need your support:

Remember children play for their fun, not yours.

Never ridicule a child for making a mistake.

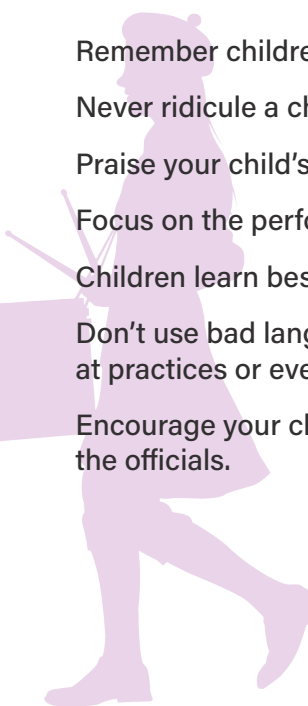
Praise your child's efforts, win or lose.

Focus on the performance and not the result.

Children learn best from good role models.

Don't use bad language or allow others at practices or events to use it either.

Encourage your child to respect the decisions of the officials.



The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk.

For further information,
please contact: PVG@rspba.org

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Advice For Parents/Carers

