

Liverpool Astronomical Society

Child Protection Policy

Child Protection Principles

The Liverpool Astronomical Society is fully committed to protecting children.

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

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

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

Responsibilities

Within Liverpool Astronomical Society the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS) Child Protection Guidelines lays with *David Galvin, Observatory Director* who is the Designated Child Protection Officer (DCPO).

The secondary, or back up people responsible for following the FAS guidelines for Child Protection in Liverpool Astronomical Society are known as Deputy DCPO's and they are: *Steve Southern and Geoff Regan*.

Contact Details

All contact should be made directly to the DCPO above or one of the secondary DCPO's. In the event of the unavailability of the Primary responsible person or any of the Secondary people responsible for following the Child Protection guidelines in Liverpool Astronomical Society, please contact the *LAS Secretary, Ken Clark*.

The contact details for the Merseyside Authority Children's Services Careline is 0151-233 3700. This number can be used to report a concern or discuss a concern with the Local Authority.

The contact details of Merseyside Police is 0151-709 6010 (or 999 in an emergency). This number can also be used to report a concern or discuss a concern.

Signed on behalf of the
Liverpool Astronomical Society
Stephen Southern



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