

Cambridge Open Art Exhibition - Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition (COAX) Committee recognizes that Safeguarding is an important issue that needs to be considered to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are safe and protected from harm at all times.

The Cambridge Open Art Exhibition is an annual 3 day event run by a small team of volunteers where all children and vulnerable adults attending the event would be accompanied by their parent / guardian / carer.

Students from Swavesey Village College do help with the setting up and running of the Exhibition. This gives them experience that can be counted towards their Arts Awards as well as the opportunity to view the Artwork. This is all coordinated by the Head of Visual Arts at the School and as such the School's own Safeguarding Policies are strictly adhered to.

The School's Safeguarding Statement is published on their website. This has been communicated to members of the COAX Committee so that we are aware of potential issues that may arise and that our point of contact for any issues would be the Head of Visual Arts, who would then take responsibility for reporting any issues. The Head of Visual Arts (and designated school staff) are present throughout the times where both children from the school and visitors are in attendance. The team of COAX volunteers are briefed on safeguarding (detailed in our Volunteers Handbook) on how to respond to a concern or disclosure. In such an instance they will log, a dated, written concern with The Head of Visual Arts who will pass the concern onto the designated person at Swavesey Village College to be dealt with through the college's safeguarding procedures.