



Safer Recruitment Policy

- All staff will be interviewed by at least 2 members of the team and **references** sought from their previous employers to check suitability.
- Following receipt of all training records and certificates and suitable references, only then will the applicant be offered a position within BO CIC.
- All sessional staff, associated and volunteers must have an up to date enhanced DBS before starting work with BOCIC. If this is not possible, they must be supervised by another DBS checked person at all times.
- All staff who lead sessions will have undertaken a minimum level 2 safeguarding training by an external body e.g. NSPCC. This training is updated annually.
- Associates and volunteers who work with other organisations and have completed safeguarding training within 3 years, need to provide evidence of this training. The training must be updated within three years from the original training – this is monitored centrally by BOCIC.
- All sessional staff and volunteers will receive a copy of the BO CIC safeguarding policy as part of their induction and must read and sign the document to confirm they have read and understood it.
- Newly recruited sessional staff and volunteers will receive BO CIC safeguarding training within 1 month of starting with BO CIC.
- In some cases, it is in the best interests of the child for their parent to accompany them to Forest School. In these cases, clear guidance must be provided for both volunteers, practitioners and the parent involved. Unless they have appropriate DBS clearance, the parent does not work with any other child other than their own and is also supervised by a DBS-cleared volunteer or practitioner at all times. The parent must receive a copy of the safeguarding policy and sign confirmation.