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## Code of conduct for children and young people

**Note:** Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18.

**As a young person taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to follow this guidance to make sure you are able to participate in your sport or activity safely.**

Taking part in Dive Project Cornwall and the sport of scuba diving will be a great experience, providing wider opportunities and life long skills and memories. Your enjoyment of the project is what matters most.

Being part of Dive Project Cornwall means that there are things you and everyone else needs to do to ensure that things are fair, safe and fun.

We have provided guidance for your teachers/parents/carers too, so they will know what there is to be able to support you in having as many development opportunities as possible.

We want you to get the most from Dive Project Cornwall to develop skills both in scuba diving and the marine environment so you can become the next '*Ocean Influencers*'

Make sure you know what Dive Project Cornwall expects and that you get to the sessions on time with the right equipment and in the right mood to have fun and make the most of the training.

Make sure you understand your Dive Project Cornwall Rules and what is expected of you.

Dive Project Cornwall will have a code of conduct to follow ensuring that everyone is respectful of each other.

On occasion this doesn't always happen so if you feel unhappy or feel bullied then you must talk to your teachers/and or your coaches/safeguarding officer/parents.

You probably want to tell your friends about what you and your friends got up to at Dive Project Cornwall. We wouldn't want to stop you doing this, but we do want to make sure you are using social media in a way which doesn't put you or anyone else at risk. Please speak to your teachers/parents/carer and Dive Project Cornwall to make sure you understand how to make sure you are safe on-line.

You can talk to the Designated Safeguarding Officer or you can also talk to someone outside of school or Dive Project Cornwall by contacting Childline: 0800 1111, Police or Children's Services.



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If there is anything making you unhappy or worrying you, tell someone about it, it may not be as bad as you think, there will be people who can help you, just ask for it. These websites give you advice and support that you may find helpful.

- [ChildLine](#)
- [YoungMinds](#)
- [Get Connected](#)
- [YouthNet](#)
- [Anti Bullying Alliance](#)
- [Anti Bullying Alliance Advice and Support](#)
- [NHS Youth Mental Health](#)
- [What to do if you are worried](#)
- [Gender Intelligence](#)
- [Samaritans](#)

## The essentials

- ✓ keep yourself safe by listening to your teachers, instructors and staff at DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL, behaving responsibly and speak out when something isn't right
- ✓ when you're with us, stay in the places where you're supposed to, don't wander off or leave without telling a member of staff
- ✓ take care of our equipment and premises as if they were your own
- ✓ make it to sessions and activities on time and if you're running late, let a member of staff know
- ✓ bring the right kit to practice and wear appropriate kit for the weather
- ✓ not smoke or consume alcohol on our premises or during the week you are staying with us.
- ✓ only enter the tent you are allocated to sleep in. Communal areas will be highlighted on orientation, and are the tented seating area, fire pit, and areas when planned activities are taking place.
- ✓ Stay in our own designated campsite, and not wander into other campsites at any time.

## Behaviour

- ✓ respect and celebrate difference in DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation or ability
- ✓ report any incidents of bullying, including homophobia and transphobia to a member of staff, even if you're just a witness
- ✓ treat other young people with respect and appreciate that everyone has different levels of skill and talent
- ✓ make DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL a welcoming and friendly place to be
- ✓ support and encourage your teammates. Tell them when they've done well and be there for them when they're struggling
- ✓ respect our staff, and your teachers.
- ✓ be a good sport, celebrate when we win and be gracious when we lose
- ✓ play by the rules and have fun
- ✓ follow our online safety and internet use policies



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### **As a young person taking part, we understand you have the right to:**

- ✓ enjoy the time you spend with us and know that you're safe
- ✓ be told who you can talk to if something's not right
- ✓ be listened to
- ✓ be included
- ✓ be involved and contribute towards decisions within DIVE PROJECT CORNWALL or activity
- ✓ be respected by us and other team members and be treated fairly
- ✓ feel welcomed, valued and not judged based on your race, gender, sexuality or ability
- ✓ be encouraged and develop skills with our help
- ✓ be looked after if there's an accident or injury and have your parents informed if needed

We expect all young people to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any young person behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with parent's involvement and aim to resolve the issue.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking you to leave the activity or site permanently, for the welfare of other young people and our staff. This is something we never want to do.**

**Signature of young person:**

**Signature of parent:**

**Date:**