



## Ballymena Festival of Music, Speech and Dance

*FOR ALL PARENTS, PRIVATE TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS*

### SAFEGUARDING DUTY

The Festival's Safeguarding Policy is included in the Syllabus, the Festival Programme, on our website <https://www.ballymenafestival.net> and a copy accompanies this letter.

Teachers, parents, guardians, carers and those making entries on behalf of schools are reminded of their roles in the partnership between themselves and the Festival in safeguarding children and vulnerable groups.

The Ballymena Festival of Music, Speech and Dance is committed to promoting the welfare and safety of all children under 18 and vulnerable young people who take part, and the Festival expects those who are responsible for entering them to do the same.

To achieve this, we expect all those entering performers to read the Festival's Safeguarding Policy and having ticked the appropriate box(es) in the on-line entry system or on the paper entry form, you will have acknowledged that you have read and understood the policy, that you will implement it and that all your participants will be informed of the policy and where to access it.

Our Festival seeks to support all entrants and needs to know ahead of time if additional support is required in order to provide such support wherever reasonably possible.

We request that all teachers ensure that parents, guardians and carers know that the responsibility lies with them in the pursuance of our Safeguarding Policy.