



# The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy's Young Exhibitors' Scheme



## e-SAFETY POLICY

April 2018

### Our e-safety policy

This policy applies to YES! Administrators, Mentors, Judges, Stewards, Show Managers, Table Workers, any anybody working on behalf of the GCCF within YES!

### The purpose of this Policy

- To protect the candidates and young people who participate in YES! and who make use of information technology [such as mobile phones/devices, games consoles and the Internet] as part of their involvement with us.
- To provide volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to e-safety.
- To ensure that the GCCF organisation, operate in line with our values and within the law in terms of how we use information technology and behave online.

### We recognise that:

- The welfare of the candidates and young people who come into contact with YES! is paramount, and should govern our approach to the use and management of electronic communications technologies and online behaviour.
- All children, regarding of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have a right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs and other issues.
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents or guardians is essential in promoting candidates and young people's welfare and in helping them to be responsible in their approach to e-safety.
- The use of information technology is an essential part of all our lives; it is involved in how we, as GCCF gather and store information, as well as how we communicate with each other.

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### We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- By supporting and encouraging the candidates and young people using our service to use the opportunities offered by mobile phone technology and the internet in a way that keeps themselves safe and shows respect for others.
- By supporting and encouraging parents and/or guardians to do what they can to ensure safe use of phones/devices and games consoles.
- Developing an e-safety agreement for use with candidates and their parents and/guardians.
- Informing parents and/or guardians of incidents of concern as appropriate.
- Reviewing and updating the security of our information systems regularly.
- Using only official email accounts.

### Contact details

The name of our e-safety co-ordinator is Nicky Butler, [SGO]

This policy was last reviewed on: ..... [date]

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