

Child Protection

The Chester Beatty Library Child Protection Policy Statement

The Chester Beatty Library is committed to a child-centred approach to our work with children and young people. The Chester Beatty Library programme offers services to and for children. It is central to the philosophy of the Education Programme of the Chester Beatty Library that children and staff are unconditionally respected and kept safe from harm while using our services.

It is important to ensure that normal practices and behaviour within our organisation actively promote delivery of excellent services to children as individuals in a safe engaging environment, where the welfare of the child/young person is paramount. We will adhere to the 'Children First National Guidelines for the Protection and Welfare of Children' by having and implementing child protection policies and procedures.

In order to ensure mutual protection, staff/volunteers/artists/facilitators and other organisations working in the Chester Beatty Library will be made familiar with the Chester Beatty Library's Child Protection Policy and Procedures, Code of Behaviour and Health and Safety guidelines in relation to participation in children and young people's activities.

Public Workshops – Silk Worm Club for 6-11 years

Children are usually in the care of a parent/guardian or teacher when using the services of the Chester Beatty Library. There are exceptions to this, for instance when they attend our Silk Worm Club public workshops. We endeavour to have at least three Chester Beatty Library members of our facilitator's team will be present at all workshops. For these workshops we ask parents to remain in the building and leave a contact telephone number with the team if they need to be contacted for any reason. We can book up to twenty children per workshop.

Teachers and schools

Teachers must accompany school groups and remain in attendance at all times while in the Chester Beatty Library.

A child in need of personal support because of illness, physical needs or any form of distress, shall be referred to in the first place to his/her parent/guardian or teachers. A parent/guardian or teacher should inform a member of staff if there are any specific needs required during a child's participation in a Chester Beatty Library event.

For queries regarding the Chester Beatty Library Child Protection Policy, please contact Jenny Siung, Head of Education, tel: 01 40 70 775 or email: educationservices@cbl.ie