

Blewbury Brass Band: Supervision at events

These guidelines for the supervision of young players (those under 18) and those with care and support needs whilst attending Blewbury Brass Band (“BBB”) events held outside the band hut were first approved by Blewbury Brass Band’s committee on 12 October 2024. They closely follow the Brass Bands England (“BBE”) guidelines found in its BandSafe resources pack and which were drafted in partnership with the NSPCC and funded by the Arts Council.

There are times throughout the year when BBB performs outside the usual rehearsal space at the band hut. On these occasions, young players’ needs and those of players with care and support issues, should be considered and a position of responsibility agreed between BBB and the parent/carer/adult with care and support needs.

In the case of a young person under 18, if the young player’s parent (or other agreed responsible adult) is not present at the event, BBB has a Duty of Care to act in loco parentis for the duration of the event. In this instance the following should be considered:

- Young people should be supervised throughout the duration of the event. The person or persons responsible for supervision should be safely recruited for this role (including a DBS check and other appropriate safeguarding measures) and be made aware of any specific needs (including dietary) or medical conditions of the young people.
- BBB should consider appropriate environments for young players during social times during the event.
- Parental permission should be given for the young player to attend the event.
- Group transport should conform to the legal requirements including rest times, capacity of the vehicle and seat belts. Considerations should also be taken in relation to breakdown and recovery.
- Pick up and drop off points should be agreed and emergency contact information held.
- Young players should not be drinking alcohol when the band is acting in loco parentis.

Annual Review

We are committed to reviewing our policy and good practice regularly.

This policy was adopted on 12 October 2024 and last reviewed on 14 September 2026.