



### Team policy

#### Transporting Young people

Transporting children and young people is an integral part of the offer from Angling4education – We believe offering this service allows all children and young people the opportunity to engage with our programs. We are very aware this could be perceived as one of the most risky parts of our sessions and we have written this protocol to ensure staff are supported and feel confident that the risks are minimised as much as possible.

All young people have a risk assessment as part of the Angling4Education referral process and information is gathered around risk including transporting individuals in cars, however this does not account for children and young people putting themselves or you at risk whilst driving. If a young person is struggling to keep calm or safe whilst driving you must stop – a lack of concentration for a split second could end in an accident

#### **Before driving:**

Please check car seats and any other restraint is in good working order and fitted if needed by a parent or carer – if in doubt please check fitting instructions.

Make sure your car is in good driving order and there are no objects which could be misused by a child or young person when driving.

Please keep personal items in view or locked in the boot.

#### **If a young person is upset or abusive before you start your journey or before your return journey please follow this protocol:**

- Try to calm the Child/young person down before starting or driving the car – this may be time out or a call to parents/carers to talk to the child/young person

- If the child/young person is unable to calm down contact your line manager for support – If necessary support will be given – either parents/carers, another staff member or a third party will be sought to transport the child/young person home.

### **Whilst driving**

Where possible keep car doors locked with child locks.

If a child or young person becomes upset/distressed or abusive during driving, pull over in the nearest safe space. Do not continue your journey until you feel it is safe and the child/young person is calm.

If a child/young person is unable to calm down enough for it to be safe to continue your journey please follow these guidelines:

- Call your buddy/line manager for support
- Call the emergency contact for the child/young person – get them to speak to the child young person

**If the child or young person is still unable to be transported safely with agreement from your line manager the following would be agreed:**

- The parent carer will be asked to collect the child young person
- Another member of staff may be able to support (for example if you are transporting a group we could send another car to split the group)
- The young person would be transported by a third party (Taxi)

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