



# Kenshinkan Martial Arts

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## Child Protection Policy

Kenshinkan Martial Arts fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection.

Our policy applies to all Instructors. There are four main elements to our policy:

- ✚ Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe.
- ✚ Ensure we identify and report cases, or suspected cases, of abuse.
- ✚ Supporting students who have been abused in accordance with his/her agreed child protection plan.
- ✚ Establishing a safe environment in which children can learn and develop.

We recognise that because of the contact with children, Instructors are well placed to observe the outward signs of abuse. Kenshinkan will therefore:

Establish and maintain an environment where children feel secure, are encouraged to talk, and are listened to.  
Ensure children know that they can approach their instructor if they are worried.  
Include opportunities in the Dojo for children to develop the skills they need to recognise and stay safe from abuse.  
We will follow the procedures provided to us by our parent association, Goshin Ryu International

Develop effective links with relevant agencies and co-operate as required with their enquiries regarding child protection matters including attendance at case conferences.  
Keep written records of concerns about children, even where there is no need to refer the matter immediately.  
Develop and then follow procedures where an allegation is made against an Instructor or Student.

We recognise that children who are abused or witness violence may find it difficult to develop a sense of self worth. They may feel helplessness, humiliation and some sense of blame. The Dojo and the child's school may be the only stable, secure and predictable element in the lives of children at risk. When at school their behaviour may be challenging and defiant or they may be withdrawn. Kenshinkan Martial Arts will endeavour to support our students through:

- The content of the training syllabus.
- The Martial Arts ethos which promotes a positive, supportive and secure environment and gives students a sense of being valued.
- Kenshinkan Martial Arts will ensure that the pupil knows that some behaviour is unacceptable but they are valued.
- Liaison with other agencies that support the student such as social services, Child and Adult Mental Health Service, education welfare service and educational psychology service.

Parents and Students need to be aware that Training in the Martial Arts and Martial Arts instruction involves a degree of personal contact that would be inappropriate in other environments. Instructors and students should always be aware of this and ensure through diligent observation of students that inappropriate contact does not occur.

### *Kanshinkan Martial Arts*

Karate – Wetherby – Crossleys Street Primary School – Monday & Wednesday @ 18:15  
Jui-Jitsu – Otley – Otley Methodist Church – Saturday 10am Kidjitsu, Adults 11am  
Thursdays 6:30pm for Kidjitsu and 7:30pm for Adults – Closed 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Every month

Call Mike or Clare on 01943 464242 or 07967 739232