

**The Purpose of this policy:** to promote harmonious relationships among adults, whether parents or not, and children, so that all can fully enjoy the neighbourhood. We want to live in a neighbourhood that is supportive of all residents, of whatever age, and is sensitive to the needs of all residents.

1. A child is deemed to be a resident of the neighbourhood who is under 18.
2. The Directors of the Society's Board will each year co-opt a representative of the community residents who are under 18 years of age.
3. A child can hold shares in the Society.
4. All policy decisions will include consideration of the impact of the decision on our children. Children's and teenagers' views will be invited and valued, both informally and through a structured route.
5. All adult members have a degree of responsibility for maintaining the safety of children and teenagers in the neighbourhood.
6. Parents are responsible for ensuring adequate supervision of their children.
7. The design of our neighbourhood supports the differing needs of all residents and includes play space for different age groups and quiet spaces for anyone wishing to relax outside.
8. We welcome children and teenagers bringing friends back to the neighbourhood to play with them. The host child's family is responsible for ensuring visiting children understand the ground rules.

NB The word 'teenagers' is used to differentiate them from younger children and to encourage a sense of belonging.