

## **Bridport Cohousing**

### **Children's Policy March 2022**

**The Purpose of this policy:** To promote harmonious relationships among children and adults so that all can fully enjoy the neighbourhood. To promote values of respect towards the safety, privacy and needs of residents of all ages.

1. A child is deemed to be a resident of the neighbourhood who is under 18 years old.
2. A child can hold shares in the Society.
3. The Director's Circle will each year co-opt a representative of the community who is under 18 years of age
4. All Policy decisions will include consideration of the impact of the decision on our children.
5. Children and Teenager's views will be invited and valued, both informally and through a structured route.
6. All adult members have a degree of responsibility for maintaining the safety of children and teenagers in the neighbourhood.
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. The host child's family is responsible for encouraging visitors to respect other members, the neighbourhood, and the environment.
9. All common facility areas will be assessed for safety, and the communal kitchen or other potentially hazardous spaces kept locked.