

## ADVICE FOR BAND MEMBERS

All members of the Band are expected and encouraged to demonstrate exemplary behaviour in their contact with children who attend the Band. For the purpose of this appendix, which accompanies the Band's Child Protection Policy Document, "children" means children and young persons under the age of 17. You are expected to have read the Policy Document and to know who are the Child Protection Designated Officers of the Band so that you know what to do if you are approached about an incident which appears to threaten the safety or well-being of a child member of the Band. Copies can be obtained from the Band Secretary and advice can be sought from any one of the Designated Officers (see Policy Document).

In order to protect you against false accusations, we issue the following common sense examples of how to avoid potential risks to yourself or to children and to create a positive atmosphere in the Band.

- 1. Treat all children with respect, putting their welfare first.
- 2. Try to work with children in an open environment, with other people present.
- 3. Involve parents wherever possible and encourage parents to take responsibility, for example in transporting children to and from rehearsals and performances.
- 4. Avoid, if possible, one to one sharing of a vehicle.
- 5. If a child has not been picked up by his or her parent at the end of a rehearsal or after a performance, contact the Chairman of the Band, the Director of Music, or a committee member and let them take charge of the problem.
- 6. All injuries to a child must be reported to the Director of Music, or to the Chairman of the Band, or to a committee member as soon as possible after the incident.