



STAGE STARS Child Performance & Licensing Policy (England)

1. Policy Statement

Stage Stars is committed to ensuring that all performances involving children comply with current legislation in England, including the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 & 1963 and The Children (Performances and Activities) (England) Regulations 2014.

Although Stage Stars productions are amateur, we recognise that child performance licensing requirements may still apply depending on the nature, frequency and duration of performances.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all Stage Stars performances, rehearsals and related activities involving children under compulsory school age and those of statutory school age participating in public performances.

3. When a Licence May Be Required

A child performance licence may be required if a child:

- Performs in licensed premises.
- Performs for payment (including expenses beyond actual costs).
- Performs on more than 4 days within a 6 month period.
- Is absent from school for performances (excluding holidays).

Stage Stars will consult Plymouth City Council when required to determine whether licences are necessary.

4. Licence Applications

Where required:

- Applications will be submitted to the child's local authority (where the child resides).
- Applications will be made in sufficient time before the performance.
- Required documents may include photographs, medical declarations and school approval.

Stage Stars will support parents/carers in completing the application process.

5. Chaperones

Where a licence is in place, children must be supervised by:

- A licensed chaperone approved by the relevant local authority, or
- The child's parent/carer (if permitted under regulations).

Stage Stars will ensure appropriate adult supervision at all times and maintain correct supervision ratios.



6. Performance & Rehearsal Limits

Stage Stars will comply with legal restrictions regarding:

- Maximum daily performance hours
- Break requirements
- Earliest start and latest finish times
- Maximum consecutive days of performance

A performance schedule will be created to ensure compliance with statutory limits.

7. Education & Welfare

Where performances take place during term time and a licence is granted, Stage Stars will ensure:

- Educational provision is considered where required.
- Adequate rest breaks are provided.
- The child's welfare remains the paramount consideration.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will oversee welfare arrangements.

8. Risk Assessments

Risk assessments will be conducted for:

- Performance venues
- Backstage areas
- Costume and prop use
- Lighting and staging
- Travel (where applicable)

Any additional risks specific to children will be identified and mitigated.

9. Safeguarding During Performances

The Stage Stars Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy applies at all rehearsals and performances.

Registers will be taken.

Children will only be released to authorised adults.

Changing areas will be supervised appropriately and privacy respected.



10. Record Keeping

Stage Stars will retain:

- Copies of performance licences (where issued)
- Risk assessments
- Incident reports
- Chaperone details

Records will be stored securely in line with the GDPR & Data Protection Policy.

11. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or when legislation changes.

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Next Review: 18 February 2027

Signed:

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Stage Stars