



CHILD WELFARE POLICY 2017/2018

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of the children attending the football sessions, the club has developed the following Child Welfare Policy to mirror the aims and objectives of the Football Association.

The club will therefore:

- Appoint one of the coaches as the nominated Club Welfare Officer
- Ensure that coaches are selected using the criteria laid down by the Football Association and vetted through the DBS procedures
- Provide a safe and enjoyable environment in which football is played
- Consider the children's welfare above all other considerations
- Raise the awareness of child welfare at the sessions by engaging parents, guardians, spectators and the community
- Demonstrate and promote best practice in child welfare
- Promote ethics and high standards throughout the sessions
- Continue to develop its coaching skills to encompass child welfare
- Manage a continuous programme of child development and support for the best interests of the children attending the sessions
- Investigate, manage and, if necessary, report any allegations or concerns about poor practice or possible abuse
- Take appropriate action if any child attending a session, is thought to be, or evidence is seen of, suffering abuse, or it is apparent that their health, safety or welfare may be at risk
- Fully co-operate with any statutory authority, if required to help in investigating any child welfare matters brought to its attention
With the support and assistance of parents and guardians, the club will use its best endeavours to fulfil the principles of child welfare as advocated in the Football Association's guidance.

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