



Safeguarding Children Policy & Procedures

Longridge Town Juniors Football Club Safeguarding Children Policy

Longridge Town Juniors Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members. A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any football activity. We subscribe to The Football Associations (The FA) Safeguarding Children - Policy and Procedures and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document.

The Key principles of The FA Safeguarding Children Policy are that:

- The Child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All Children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation.
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents/carers is essential.

We acknowledge that every child or young person who plays in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice and abuse.

Longridge Town Football Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult in the club.

Longridge Town Football Club has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is noted and accepted that The Football Associations Child Protection Regulations applies to everyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. This means whether you are a volunteer, match official, helper on club tours, football coach, club official or medical staff.

We endorse and adopt The FA's Responsible Recruitment guidelines for recruiting volunteers and we will:

- Specify what the role is and what tasks it involves.
- Request identification documents.
- As a minimum meet and chat with the applicant and where possible interview people before

appointing them.

- Ask for and follow up with 2 references before appointing someone.
- Require an FA CRB Unit Enhanced Disclosures where appropriate in line with FA guidelines.

All current Longridge Town Juniors Charter Standard Club members who are regularly caring for, supervising, training or being in sole charge of children and young people will be required to complete a CRB Enhanced Disclosure via The FA CRB Unit. If there are any concerns regarding the appropriateness of an individual who is already involved or who has approached us to become part of Longridge Town Juniors Charter Standard Club, guidance will be sought from The Football Association. It is noted and accepted that The FA will consider the relevance and significance of the information obtained via The FA CRB Unit Enhanced CRB Disclosure and that all decisions will be made in the best interests of children and young people.

It is accepted that The FA aims to prevent people with a history of relevant and significant offending from having contact with children or young people and the opportunity to influence policies or practice with children or young people. This is to prevent direct sexual or physical harm to children and to minimise the risk of 'grooming' within football.

Longridge Town Juniors Football Club supports The FA's Whistle blowing Policy.