



Anti-Bullying Policy

Statement of Intent

Longridge Town Juniors Football Club are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our members so that they can participate in football in a relaxed and secure atmosphere.

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our club. If bullying does occur, all club members or parents should be able to tell and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.

We are a telling club which means that anyone who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell the club welfare officer or any committee member.

Bullying is the use of aggression with the intention of hurting another person. Bullying results in pain and distress to the victim.

Bullying can be:

- Emotional - being unfriendly, excluding (emotionally and physically), sending hurtful text messages, tormenting (eg hiding football boots, threatening gestures)
- Physical - Pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence.
- Racist - Racial taunts, graffiti, gestures.
- Sexual - Unwanted physical contact or sexually abusive comments.
- Homophobic - because of, or focusing on the issue of sexuality
- Verbal - name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing

Bullying hurts. No one deserves to be a victim of bullying. Everybody has the right to be treated with respect. Individuals who are bullying need to be treated with respect. Individuals who are bullying need to learn different ways of behaving. The impact upon a child or young person can be devastating and in some cases effect all aspects of their life, in extreme cases it can lead to suicide threats or even attempts.

Longridge Town Football Club has a responsibility to respond promptly and effectively to issues of bullying.