

Dear Parent/Carer

We are sure you will not have missed the disturbing abuse issues that have been and continue to be covered in the media regarding football. A copy of the letter from Greg Clarke the Chairman of the FA has been posted on the club website. Also on the site is the most recent FA Safeguarding video featuring Wayne Rooney and Steph Houghton and I would encourage you to read/watch both.

Binfield FC is rightly proud of its reputation and track record in respect of safeguarding children and the quality of its coaches. Together we aim to continue and develop this.

We already have adopted the FA Four Step approach:

*- **Checked** - ensuring adults are suitable to work with children - this includes helpers at training or on match days*

*- **Trained** - all coaches and referees are given safeguarding training*

*- **Hear** - concerns from both children and adults are listened to and acted upon*

*- **Report** - raise any concerns to the Club Welfare Officers regarding a child's welfare and safety.*

Our coaches are fully aware of their safeguarding responsibilities, the duty of care they have towards the children who represent the club and the high standards of behaviour and conduct that the club expects from them in their role.

We wanted to remind you of some key practices that we have in place to support our safeguarding agenda.

We aim to ensure that all coaches attend a Safeguarding Workshop within their first three months of starting in their role -this makes clear expectations, managing the boundaries between players and coaches, recognising the signs of possible grooming and abuse and action to take

All coaches are required to renew their safeguarding certificate every three years

All coaches have an up to date DBS (CRB) check which is renewed every three years

All new coaches are supported to gain their L1 FA Coaching badge within their first season - again safeguarding is a core topic

This coming season members of the Club's Management Committee will be interviewing those who put themselves forward to coach any junior age group - up to U18 - before they are permitted to take up their role

Throughout this current season we will be introducing a performance review of our junior coaches which will involve player, parent/carer and peer feedback

If you have any concerns at all then please bring it to the club's attention by emailing or ringing either of us in the first instance.

In the event of more serious incidents or concerns then please contact the police , our local children's social care, the FA Safeguarding Team direct safeguarding@thefa.com , suspected grooming contact CEOP by pressing the red button or the NSPCC Helpline 08088005000. But do make us aware.

Best wishes

Clare Lee and Bob Chapple

CWOs on behalf of Binfield FC

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