



## **SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

**St Chad's Broomfield Cricket Club is committed to ensuring that all children who play cricket have a safe, positive and fun experience, whatever their level of involvement. We recognise that all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment.**

**We ensure individuals working within cricket at, or for, our Club provide a welcoming, safe and fun experience for children.**

**We provide an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspect child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Safeguarding Officer.**

**We ensure all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the Club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation.**

**The Club adopts the ECB's 'Safe Hands' document into its Constitution. This includes:**

- Following the ECB reporting mechanism for concerns.
- Maintaining the 'player profile' registration system for players; this enables adults to exercise their duty of care in an emergency situation.
- Adopting the ECB Code of Conduct for Members and Guests and ECB Coaches Association Code of Conduct.
- Adopting the 'Missing Child' policy and procedures for managing children away from the Club.
- Adopting procedures for working with external partners and e-safety guidelines on communications and interactive technologies.
- Individually adapted policies on Transport, Photography and Video Camera Usage and Changing and Showering, are contained in this document.

**Role of the Club Safeguarding Officer:**

- The first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the Club;
- The local source of procedural advice for the Club, its Management Committee and Members;
- The main point of contact within the Club for the ECB County Safeguarding Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team;
- The main point of contact within the Club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding. Ensuring correct and comprehensive procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.

**Any concerns should be reported to the Club Safeguarding Officer:**

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We ensure all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately. We ensure access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters, is restricted to those who need to know, in order to safeguard children – including the Club Safeguarding Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.