

Caythorpe & Fulbeck JFC

FOOTBALL CLUB SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

<p>1. Caythorpe & Fulbeck Junior Football Club acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person and is committed to providing a safe environment for all. We recognise that a child is anyone under the age of 18 and subscribe to The Football Association's (The FA) Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• all suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately; and• 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 or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from poor practice and abuse.	<p>2. Caythorpe & Fulbeck 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 FA's Safeguarding Children Regulations (see The FA Handbook TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/lawsandrules/fa-handbook) apply to everyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity, including coaches/managers, volunteers, match officials, helpers on club tours, or medical staff or other club officials/helpers.</p>	<p>3. We endorse and adopt The FA's Safer Recruitment guidelines and we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specify what the role is and what tasks it involves;• Request identification documents;• As a minimum meet and chat with the applicant(s) and where possible interview people before appointing them;• Ask for and follow up with 2 references before appointing someone; and• Where eligible require an FA-accepted DBS enhanced with barred list Check, in line with The FA's current Safeguarding Children Policy and Regulations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• all children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their; age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status or civil partnership, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, pregnancy and maternity;	<p>Caythorpe & Fulbeck Junior Football Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club.</p>	<p>All current Caythorpe & Fulbeck Football Club members working in eligible roles with children and young people, such as coaches/managers and physiotherapists, are required to hold an in-date FA accepted DBS enhanced with barred list check as part of safer recruitment practice.</p>	

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8. In this Club, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we know that inaction is not an option. If anyone is worried about a child, it is important that they report their concerns to the CWO, who will deal with reported concerns as follows:

- I. Our CWO will manage poor practice and where necessary seek advice from the CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (CFA DSO).
- II. Our CWO will make referrals about more serious concerns to the CFA DSO, or in an emergency contact the Police or Children's Social Care.
- III. We will ensure that if the child needs immediate medical treatment that we take them to a hospital or call an ambulance and tell them it is a child protection concern.
- IV. Our CWO will keep records of the actions taken and keep the CFA DSO informed.

9. If at any time our Club Welfare Officer is not available, or the matter is clearly serious, all our members should be aware that they can:

- Contact the CFA DSO directly;
- Contact The FA's Safeguarding Team on **0800 169 1863** or Safeguarding@TheFA.com;
- Contact the Police or Children's Social Care; and/or
- Call the NSPCC 24-hour Helpline for advice on **0808 800 5000** or text **89858** or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Caythorpe & Fulbeck Junior Football Club Committee understands and accepts our collective responsibility to adhere to our safeguarding children policy and procedures. We commit to ensuring our members are aware of and have access to our policies. Signed:

Role	Name	Signature	Date
Chairperson	CRAIG WILKIN		20/7/21
Secretary	CAROL MOUNTAIN		20/7/21
Club Welfare Officer (Youth)	JONATHAN BETTS		20/7/21
Assistant Club Welfare Officer (Youth)			
Treasurer	MICHAEL BROWN		20/7/21

- The FA's Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures (including the anti-bullying policy) are available via: TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/section-1-football-safeguarding-framework
- The FA's Safer Recruitment guidance is available via: TheFA.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/section-3-safer-recruitment-and-dbs-checks