



Borough Green Junior Football Club

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Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures

Introduction

Borough Green Junior 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 of its members. A child or young person is anyone under the age of 18 engaged in any club football activity.

Policy statement:

We subscribe to The Football Association's Child protection and best practice Policy and Procedures, Safeguarding Children and Young People (revised edition 2004) and endorse and adopt the Policy Statement contained in that document.

The key principles of The FA Child Protection 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.

What is safeguarding?

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. Borough Green Junior Football Club recognises that this is the responsibility of every adult involved in our club.

Borough Green Junior 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 Regulation (see the FA Handbook) 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 Child protection and best practice Guidelines for recruiting volunteers and will:

- Develop a role profile and use standard application forms.
- Request identification documents.
- As a minimum meet the applicant and where possible conduct interviews.
- Request and follow up two references before appointing.
- Require an FA DBS Unit Enhanced Disclosure.

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What to do if you have concerns

If there are concerns regarding the appropriateness of an individual who is already involved or who has approached us to become part of Borough Green Junior Football 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 offence, and or soft data provided on the enhanced disclosure, to the safety of children. All decisions will be made in the best interests of children and young people.

In addition all current Borough Green Junior Football Club members with direct access to children and young people will be required to complete a DBS Enhanced Disclosure via The FA DBS Unit.

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.

Key contacts

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