

Halewood Town

Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults Policy



1. SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Promoting children's well being and safeguarding them from harm takes place most effectively, when there is information sharing.

- be alert to potential indicators of abuse or neglect
- be alert to risks of abusers or potential abusers to children
- contribute to meeting safe guarding needs
- be on the lookout for under nourished children
- be on the lookout for regular injuries to children
- always report any suspicions to your Child Protection Officer
- Child Protection Officer will contact social service's or police if any need
- report if any offence towards a child is suspected
- all children must be protected by confidentiality and only responsible persons i.e. child protection officer, social service's or police may receive information concerning a young person
- be aware of the use of social media and what is being posted to ensure it does not contravene guidelines above

2. CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

Good record keeping is an important part of being accountable to children and families

All coaches and volunteers must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, and a valid certificate before engaging with young people

- never promise a young person anything you can not guarantee
- never be left alone with a young person
- don't jump to conclusions, and always be sure of facts
- never leave children unsupervised
- always carry out risk assessment of area of activity's
- make sure you do head counts before your activity starts and ends
- always receive a parent's consent form and contact phone number

3. INVOLVING CHILDREN

Children should be helped to understand how child protection processes Work, how they can be involved and how they can contribute to decisions about their future By advice of services so children are aware and know how to access them

Children should always be consulted and informed of any new activities And their view's on any new activity must be considered

Always encourage children to take part in decisions and try any new scheme if possible

4. INVOLVING PARENTS

Children develop different, at different rates and react differently to the same pressures

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- don't force an unwilling child to participate in sport, he or she is not playing to satisfy your ambitions
- children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment –not yours
- children learn best by example, applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team
- never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a Competition
- support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's activities
- emphasise enjoyment and fun, relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not

All volunteers must report any incidents concerning our child protection
Vulnerable adult's protection policy to the **child protection officer**

Child Protection Officer, Mr G Vaughan, mobile 07518 971554

Agreement:-

I confirm I have read and understood the Halewood Town JSA Child Protection Policy and agree to abide by it.

Signed.....

Date.....

Print Name.....