

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE APPROVED AND INCORPORATED INTO CODES OF CONDUCT

The safety and welfare of players is the highest priority at all the coaching staff at all times. This means that as soon as the players are handed over to the person deemed to be in charge for the training session, games or any other club activity they must be supervised with same degree of care expected from a reasonable parent.

Changing areas must be supervised at all times before and after training sessions and matches, to avoid accidents arising from 'horseplay' or wrongful behaviour. A coach should ensure that at all times at least two persons are present within the changing areas

Coaches must ensure that all players have been escorted off the premises before leaving themselves. It is necessary therefore to have a current list of telephone numbers at hand and to keep a register of all players, so that if a child is left alone or cannot be accounted for, a phone call can be made to establish home or emergency contact to a relative. If this is not possible, and a child has still not been collected, or is missing it may be necessary to seek further advice. A child must never be left alone after any club activity, no exceptions.

Age group coaches are responsible for ensuring that a qualified first aider is present at all training sessions and games. The coach must also ensure that a reasonable equipped medical bag is present at every session, where possible to include a mobile phone.

During winter training sessions a coach should be aware of the layout of the building to which they are preparing to coach in. Know where the toilets and, fire alarms are, and the fire drill for that building. The coach would be wise to have the caretaker's telephone number of the building.

All coaches must read the Football Association publication 'Child Protection Procedures and Practices handbook' a copy of which is held by the club Child Protection Officer and Secretary.

Proposed Actions:

Agree Policy statement at next committee meeting

Appoint CPO at next committee meeting

Launch policy to all team managers – chairman to call extraordinary meeting

JMS to update website

Secretary to prepare communication to all members (incorporate codes of conduct)