



Furlong Rangers Football Club supports the F.A. Child Protection Policy.

The F.A. Policy states:

Every child and young person who plays football should be able to participate in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

We recognise, however, that child abuse is also a very emotive and difficult subject. It is important to understand the feelings involved but not to allow them to interfere with our judgement about any action to be taken.

The Football Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

It is determined to meet its obligation to ensure that those clubs and organisations providing football opportunities for children and young people do so, to the highest possible standard of care.

Clear practices and procedures, in addition to a detailed training programme already under way, will ensure that everyone knows exactly what is expected of them in relation to the protection of children and young people within our sport.

Furlong Rangers Football Club supports this policy in the following ways

- The Committee of Furlong Rangers Football Club has adopted the F.A. Child Protection Policy and follows the F.A. procedures and best practice guides to ensure the club provides the highest standard of care to our Junior Members.
- All coaches are qualified and hold a current Child protection Certificate from the F.A. The Secretary keeps a copy of the certificate on file for future reference and inspection.
- All volunteers are asked to complete the F.A. suggested application form for volunteers.
- All volunteers are asked to agree to the completion of a CRB form in order that the necessary checks can be made.
- Any references provided in the Application Form are taken up and copies of replies are kept on file.
- The club has adopted the F.A. Standard Coaches Code of Conduct and all Coaching staff has signed to agree to abide by the code.
- The Club has appointed a Child Welfare Officer who has attended the appropriate F.A. approved Training Programme in order that they can deal with any issues or complaints that arise at the club.
- The Child Welfare Officer for Furlong Rangers Football Club is Vicky Johnson. Contact details for Vicky can be found in the membership handbook and under contacts on the website.