



# **Cherry Burton Cricket Club**

## **Child Protection Policy**

### **Introduction**

Cherry Burton Cricket Club accepts that the welfare of children is paramount and that all children whatever their age, culture, disability, gender or religious belief, have the right to protection from abuse. The Club is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for children and young people to take part in youth cricket.

We do this by:

1. Recognising that all children have the right to freedom from abuse.
2. Ensuring that all our volunteers are carefully selected and accept responsibility for helping to prevent the abuse of children in their care. (All Team Captains, Vice-Captains, Coaches and the Club Child Protection Officer will be subject to checks by the Disclosure & Barring Service (formerly Criminal Record Bureau).
3. Ensuring that all players will be informed of this policy and will be encouraged to adhere to the policy and to bring any alleged breaches of the policy or alleged incidents to the attention of the Child Protection Officer
4. Responding swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse, and providing parents and children with the opportunity to voice all concerns they may have.
5. Appointing a Child Protection Officer who will take specific responsibility for child safety and act as the main point of contact for parents, children and outside agencies.
6. Ensuring access to confidential information is restricted to the Child Protection Officer or the appropriate external authorities.
7. Reviewing the effectiveness of our Child Protection Policy and activities each year at the Annual General Meeting.
8. Ensuring all suspicions and allegations of abuse are taken seriously and responded to without delay.
9. Ensuring all parents and carers are aware of this policy.
10. Ensuring key volunteers have attended child protection training and first aid training.
11. Issuing guidelines to players and parents for the transport of younger players and implementing a policy for changing arrangements at matches

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