

Pendle Forest Sports Club

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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY/PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

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Pendle Forest Sports Club adopts the Football Association's Child Protection Policy – the main points of which are listed below.

Club officials will take all reasonable steps to ensure all unsuitable people are prevented from working with children and young people. It is essential that the same procedure is used whether staff are paid or unpaid, part-time or full-time.

There are five main forms of child abuse which as a Club we recognise:

1. Physical Abuse
2. Neglect
3. Sexual Abuse
4. Emotional Abuse
5. Bullying

All of these can take place within the family background and also in other environments.

- The committee has decided that **all** coaching personnel currently involved with the Junior section will complete a Personal Disclosure Form.
- Checks that come back showing offences of a “minor” nature and not involving children e.g petty theft many years ago will usually be disregarded.
- Any checks that give cause for concern must be looked at carefully:-
 - Police Checks – should be decisive – anyone who does not have a clear child protection check will not be part of the Club
- Anyone attending a Level One Coaching Certificate Course is now obliged to complete the Child Protection Unit. Managers who have already hold the Award will be offered the opportunity to update the qualification by taking the Child Protection Unit as a stand- alone option.
- All football managers not holding a Level 1 coaching certificate or above must attend the FA Child Protection and First Aid Workshop.
- Our dedicated Child Protection Officer has attended the 3 hour Child Protection awareness workshop.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Football Association's Child Protection Policy details of which can be found on the Football Associations Web site www.thefa.com.

The Club encourages all parents/spectators to make themselves aware of our Child Protection Policy and complete the Soccer Parent course on the Lancashire FA website - www.thefa.com/TheFA/FALearning/Soccer+Parent/