

SEASON 2017/18 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY SUMMARY



Berwick Rangers FC is fully committed to promoting, supporting and safeguarding the wellbeing of all children in its care.

For the purposes of this policy a child is recognised as someone under the age of 18 years. This policy applies to all children regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, socio-economic status or family circumstance.

Berwick Rangers FC will:

- Respect the rights of children as paramount.
- Promote the rights and wellbeing of children by providing opportunities for them to take part in football safely.
- Promote and implement appropriate procedures to safeguard the wellbeing of children and protect them from abuse, ensuring they know what to do and who they can speak to if they need help.
- Require members of staff, volunteers and Directors to adopt and abide by this policy and sign up to the Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children's Wellbeing.
- Safely recruit and select individuals who will be working with children to ensure appropriate measures have been taken and risk assessed when needed.
- Train, support and supervise its members of staff, volunteers and Directors to adopt best practice to safeguard and protect children from abuse and to reduce risks.
- Respond to any allegations of poor practice, misconduct or abuse of children in line with procedures as well as implementing, where appropriate, the relevant disciplinary and appeals procedures.
- Observe guidelines issued by local Child Protection Committees for the protection of children.
- Regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy, these procedures and associated safeguards and include children's views in this process.

To raise any concerns regarding the safety or well-being of a child in contact with Berwick Rangers Football Club;

- Call the Club's Safeguarding Officer on 07803 745411, or
- E-mail safeguarding@berwickrangers.com ,or
- E mail club@berwickrangers.com for all general enquiries or to obtain a full copy of the relevant Policies and Procedures.