

# SAFEGUARDING POLICY

## MILTON KEYNES ATHLETIC FC



### OUR STATEMENT OF INTENT

MK Athletic FC is committed to ensuring that all its' members - that is; all persons under the age of 18 participating in football, have a safe and positive experience.

### HOW WE WILL DO THIS

We will achieve our statement of intent by;

- Recognising that all children/young people participating in football (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have a right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment
- Ensuring that individuals working within football at or for our club provide a safe, positive and fun footballing experience for children/young people
- Adopting and implementing the FA's safeguarding policies and guidance and any future versions of the policy
- Appointing a Club Welfare Officer (CWO) and ensuring that they attend all current and future training modules required by the FA
- Ensuring all people who work in football at or for MK Athletic FC, (such as club officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches, etc.) understand that the FA's safeguarding guidance applies to them according to their level of contact with children in football
- Ensuring that all individuals working within football at or for MK Athletic FC are recruited and appointed in accordance with FA guidelines and relevant legislation
- Ensuring that all individuals working within football at or MK Athletic FC are provided with support through education and training so that they are aware of and can adhere to good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by both the FA, and by MK Athletic FC and
- Ensuring that the name & contact details for the Club Welfare Officer is available

## THE CHILD WELFARE OFFICER (CWO)

The MK Athletic FC CWO will be;

- The first point of contact for parents, children & volunteers within MK Athletic FC • A local source of procedural advice for MK Athletic FC, its committee & its members • The main point of contact within MK Athletic FC for the FA County Welfare Officer and the FA Safeguarding Team
- The main point of contact within MK Athletic FC for relevant external agencies in connection with safeguarding

## MK ATHLETIC FC & THE CWO

The club with the help, assistance and guidance of the CWO will;

- Ensuring that correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing any/all safeguarding concerns
- Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer – or in cases where the Club Welfare Officer is unavailable, or the concerns are about the Club Welfare Officer, to the County Welfare Officer
- Ensuring that all suspicions, concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately
- Ensuring that access to confidential information relating to child welfare matters is restricted to the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within FA safeguarding procedures.

## GETTING IN TOUCH

If you have a concern about your child's wellbeing or that of another child, or about the behaviour of any adult at the club, please contact the Club Welfare Officer Lee Ahern directly on 07474204903 or contact via email, [miltonkeynesathleticfc@gmail.com](mailto:miltonkeynesathleticfc@gmail.com)  
Alternatively, you can contact the Football Association by e-mailing; [safeguarding@thefa.com](mailto:safeguarding@thefa.com) or telephoning 0800 085 050.