



## **CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR WORKING WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The aim of this policy is to provide procedures and practical guidance for all Penkridge Cricket Club, agents, volunteers, and other professionals and or partners working alongside Penkridge Cricket Club to safeguard children.

*The word "children" should be taken to mean all persons under the age of 18yrs*

### **Introduction**

All clubs that link with schools need to be able to evidence that they meet nationally agreed minimum operating standards that demonstrate a commitment to the safeguarding of children and young people.

Schools need to be confident that any sporting activity provided by Penkridge Cricket Club for children, independently or in partnership, is of high quality and both safe and fun. For programmes like "The Community Club Coaches Programme" and "A Chance to Shine", there are already, published protocols and specific guidance on working with children within each programme's guidance notes.

Additionally, school sport has its own reporting structure for concerns. This structure supersedes the ECB standard reporting structure for incidents connected to school sport.

### **Procedures**

All activities will be conducted within the framework of Penkridge Cricket Club's recognised Child Safeguarding policies, procedures and guidelines.

All activities will be run in accordance with ECB (cricket's governing body) guidelines, particularly relating to coaching and officiating qualifications and safe practices. Penkridge Cricket Club will use the following guidelines when planning and undertaking any coaching arrangements with local schools, clubs and or other organisations:

Ensure that Coaches have the right qualifications required

That the Coaches are adequately insured

That the appropriate risk assessment is carried out on venue if appropriate and including:-

That Coaches have been through the vetting process and have a DCB Enhanced Disclosure

The risk assessment should be based on the coach competence in the following areas: -

- Relationships with pupils  
Knowledge of the pupils –
- Pupil management –
- Expertise in the activity –
- Observation and analysis

Risk assessment is a requirement prior to coaches working independently of the teacher either for curricular or extracurricular programmes. It is important that the head teacher/or person in charge agrees with the coach what activities will be undertaken prior to them starting and provides an induction programme for working in their school. If working within curricular time that the programme meets the National Curriculum requirements and if after school that the activities offered are appropriate to the age and ability of the children. Other key areas to be reviewed include:

- Avoidance of adults being alone with Children
- Supervision of children
- Changing
- Transport to any games or facilities
- Photographs/ press coverage

### **Core principles**

All activities will be conducted within the framework Penkrige Cricket Club's Safeguarding Policies, procedures and guidelines.

All activities will be run in accordance with Crickets governing body guidelines, particularly relating to coaching and officiating qualifications and safe practices.

All activities will operate in accordance with a code of conduct appropriate to Cricket , to be agreed between the school and the club, and in accordance with governing body best practice particularly relating to behaviour, clothing, warming-up and cooling-down, safe use of appropriate equipment, preparation and planning and the provision of positive feedback.

In the interests of equity, all activities will be accessible to all young people in the partnership and appropriate to their abilities and accommodate young people:

- with physical, intellectual and sensory impairments and with multiple and profound impairments;
- from both genders;
- from ethnic minorities; and
- from disadvantaged communities.