



Child Protection Policy

Young Stars Football First aims to provide the safest environment possible for all children who train and play for the football club. The safety and well being of any child that we come in contact with is our first priority. The club adheres to the Football Association guidelines on all matters concerning child protection and all Managers, Coaches and Assistants will be certified and registered with the Essex F.A to ensure their suitability to supervise children.

We will achieve this by:-

- Having a designated 'Child Welfare Officer' fully trained by the FA.
- The named person at Young Stars Football First is ***Patrick Ogbogu*** .
- Ensure that all Managers, Coaches and Assistants are certified and Police checked in accordance with F.A and Essex County FA.
- That the club maintains a register of all Managers, Coaches and Assistants with their dates of registration as a suitable person to supervise children.
- That in future all Managers, Coaches and Assistants are certified and Police checked prior to their involvement with children in our supervision.
- That all working procedures are documented and that every Manager is provided with copies which they must be able to produce at matches if challenged to do so.
- That all Managers have attended an awareness programme on child protection.
That all new Managers undergo an induction programme for their role within the club, which includes child protection awareness.
- By liaising with the Essex County Football Association's designated officer.
- By liaising with Social Services, Doctors and the Police.
- By adhering to any updates in guidelines issued by the F.A. Any updates from the Area Child Protection Committee (ACPS), or any update specific to the club by unanimous approval by the executive committee.
- By documenting any occurrences with which we have areas of concern.

Furthermore

Young Stars football First seeks to set the highest standards in behaviour to ensure that the children in our care and watching parents enjoy football in the spirit the game is intended to be played in.

That all Managers, Coaches and Assistants will set the best possible example in behaviour and attitude.

We will do this by

- Encouraging all new Managers, Coaches and Assistants in the positive reinforcement of coaching children at their induction.
- By issuing our 'Parents Code of Conduct' in our new player induction pack which is to be signed by the parent and returned.
- By issuing a welcome pack to all new players containing the following Childs expected behaviour guidelines.
- Parents behaviour guidelines.
- Child protection policy.
- A consent form pointing out the parents responsibility of player insurance.
- By agreeing a set of procedures of sanctions for identifiable non conformities to desirable behaviours.
- By having in place a right of appeal to any player or parent unhappy with a sanction implemented by the club.