

The FA Charter Standard Club Programme

Child Protection Policy Explanation



Child protection is high on The FA's agenda. The goal is to have someone at every club in the country aware of child protection and best practice, whether it's a Premiership Academy or a Sunday morning park side. For FA Charter Standard Clubs, of course, it's a must.

Already 150,000 people have received their certificates after attending The FA's Child protection and best practice workshops. These are organised via County FAs on a regular basis. Now, The FA has launched Child protection and best practice - A guide. This is an introduction to child protection that can be worked through at home on VHS or CD-ROM. Details can be obtained through logging on to www.TheFA.com/Goal.

High-profile Ambassadors are also backing Goal. Sir Bobby Robson and Alan Shearer are already behind the project, along with Hope Powell, the National Women's Coach. The FA believes football can have a powerful positive influence on children and young people. But that means everyone involved in football must take on the responsibility of looking after those children who want to play the game.

Goal is about doing things the right way; doing things properly. It's about allowing children to enjoy the game without abuse of any kind. That means bullying, physical, emotional or sexual abuse and neglect.

Every week, The FA's website carries updates on child protection issues relevant to the game. The site also contains The FA's Child Protection Policy and Procedures, as well as guidelines and advice. These can be downloaded free of charge.

The site carries a link to the NSPCC, with details of The FA/NSPCC Child Protection Helpline. This is a free service offering child protection advice and information for anyone in football. The FA has also made available many resources to help develop Goal, most of which are available free of charge. A link to The Media Group enables clubs to order free posters, leaflets and information cards that support The FA's drive for higher standards in child protection.

Links

The FA Child Protection Department
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