



## **Safeguarding Policy**

Sport for schools acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every child and young person who has been entrusted to its care and is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all members.

We acknowledge that every child or young person who plays in sport, should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment.

The key principles of the child protection policy are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual orientation
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents or carers is essential

Sport for Schools has a role to play in safeguarding the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

All our coaches have an up to date DBS check in line with the FA, LTA and ECB child protection and best practise guidelines.

We acknowledge and endorse The FA's, LTA and ECB identification of bullying as a category of abuse. Bullying of any kind is not acceptable at our sessions. If bullying does occur, all players, parents or guardians should be able to notify and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly. Incidents will be reported to the specific parties