



## **BROOKFIELD RANGERS FC Safe Guarding Children Policy**

At Brookfield Rangers FC we acknowledge our responsibility to safeguard the welfare of every young person and child who is part of our club.

Every child and young person has the right to play football in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from all forms of abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in the club. Brookfield Rangers FC has a role to play in safe guarding the welfare of children and young people by protecting them from bullying, neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

In order to fulfil these responsibilities we at Brookfield Rangers FC will record incidents, suspicions or allegations of abuse. We will also adopt the Safe Guarding Children Procedures of the Berks and Bucks Football Association (FA) to whom we are affiliated. These procedures can be found in full on [www.Thefa.com](http://www.Thefa.com) (safe football).

We will seek guidance from the FA on any serious incidents and we fully support the FA's whistle blowing policy. The whistle blowing policy is an early warning system. Any adult or young person with concerns about a colleague can use whistle blowing by contacting The FA Case Management Team on 0207 745 4590 or Berks and bucks FA on 01367 242099.

To show our commitment to Safe Guarding Children:

- Brookfield Rangers FC has a named Welfare Officer. This is Jane Webb and she can be contacted on 01908 501072. The Welfare Officer takes overall responsibility for the welfare of children and young people who are members of Brookfield Rangers FC. The Welfare Officer has attended a recognized Safe Guarding Children training course and a Club Welfare Officer's course and has had an enhanced criminal record check. They will liaise directly with the County Football Association Child Welfare Officer.
- All our coaches have been trained to at least a level one coaching standard, which includes training on safe guarding children and first aid.
- All coaches and their assistance have had enhanced police checks carried out. All decisions regarding the suitability of an adult to be involved in Brookfield Rangers FC will be made in the best interests of children and young people.
- A register is always kept and emergency contact and medical details are kept on each child and treated confidentially.

- The club holds public liability insurance and personal accident insurance.
- All coaches and club officials know and follow the club's procedure on Sage Guarding Children.

Bullying is a category of abuse and is not acceptable by our club. We follow the County FA's procedures on bullying. Incidents need to be reported to the Club Welfare Officer or member of the committee, or in serious cases the County FA Welfare Officer. (01367 242099)

Brookfield Rangers FC will try at all times to discuss issues and work in partnership with parents, but each child's welfare will always be the club's main concern and if we feel by discussion with parents a child is at risk we will report to the FA County Welfare Officer on 01367 242099 or the NSPCC if out of hours on 0808 800 5000

Further advice can be obtained from:

- The Berks and Bucks County FA: 01367 242099 (choose option 2 or 3)
- The FA/NSPCC Child Protection 24 Hour Helpline 0808 800 5000
- [www.TheFA.com/Goal](http://www.TheFA.com/Goal)
- The FA Child Protection Team

Please sign to acknowledge receipt and agreement of this policy and return one copy.

Parents/Guardians Signature:.....

Please Print Name: .....