



Wyken F.C.

## Child Protection Statement

The FA Child Protection Procedures and Practices Handbook places a clear responsibility on clubs to ensure that they safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

The purpose of this policy is to inform all coaches / managers of Wyken FC about these responsibilities and to enable everyone to have a clear understanding of how they are to be carried out.

The club follows the procedures contained in the FA Child Protection Procedures and Practices Handbook - A guide to procedure and practice for all FA coaches / managers.

This club acknowledges that coaches / managers are particularly well placed to notice outward signs of abuse, changes in behaviour or failure to develop. We recognise the important role we have in early recognition of the signs and symptoms of abuse or neglect and appropriate referral procedures.

Child Protection Responsibilities Accepted by Wyken FC

- **Neil Ledbrook** is Wyken FC's designated officer with responsibility for child protection matters.
- The club has adopted clear and sound policies on confidentiality and will maintain all written evidence about child protection issues in a secure place. It will provide accurate information to the FA and Social Services, where appropriate, normally through the designated CPO officer.

### The designated Child Protection Officer

Key responsibilities of this role are to:

- Ensure that the FA's child protection procedures are followed within the club.
- Ensure that all coaches / managers are aware of these procedures.
- Ensure that appropriate support is provided.
- Decide whether to take further action about particular concerns.
- Report to the FA / Social Services where appropriate over suspected cases of child abuse.

**The Football Association / NSPCC Child Protection Helpline 0808 800 5000**