



HENFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Safeguarding Children: Policy Statement

In "Safe Hands"

In accordance with the requirements of the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), we have adopted "SAFE HANDS – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children", which has the following principles:

- All young people participating in cricket have a right to do so in a safe environment.
- All Adults working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a safe, positive and fun cricketing experience for children
- Every individual and club has a duty of care to ensure the safety and welfare of young people involved in cricket, and to safeguard and protect them from all reasonably foreseeable harm.

Our Policy

We are committed to ensuring that all young people have a safe and positive experience playing cricket at Henfield. Our aim is to provide the highest standard of care, and we will promote best practice in all areas of cricket.

The emphasis is on good practice and prevention. However, any suspicion or allegation will be taken seriously and managed swiftly and appropriately.

All of our qualified coaches are trained in 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children', and work to the ECB Coaches' Code of Conduct. In addition:

- all adult volunteers working directly with young players, and senior team captains must clear a vetting check and agree to a Volunteers' Code of Conduct.

This policy, along with its associated guidelines and procedures, is the responsibility of everybody associated with the Henfield Cricket Club.

Contacts

Any questions about this policy or concerns about welfare must be raised through the Club Welfare Officer or assistants, as listed below.

The ECB policy document "*Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children*" is available from the Club Welfare Officers, or can be downloaded from the ECB website at

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

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