



WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING HIMLEY CRICKET CLUB

As a club, we are acutely aware of the issues around safeguarding and welfare and endeavour to ensure all Coaches and Managers are fully aware of their roles/responsibilities when Coaching/Managing teams. We aim to create a safe/fun environment for all juniors attending Himley Cricket Club.

Safeguarding has been high profile in the media of late and we, as a club, just want to ensure you that we are doing everything necessary and possible as directed by the ECB to ensure we have all the right checks in place with our Coaches and Managers. All Coaches and Managers of teams (myself included) have in place a current Disclosure and Barring Certificate (DBS) and have all undertaken a Safe Guarding Young Children's Course. We also have First Aid Trained Coaches on site at every session. In my role as Welfare Officer, I monitor this throughout the year. If you have any concerns or would like to ask me any questions about our systems and processes, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details can be found in the lobby of the entrance to the Club and I am usually around on a Friday evening during the outdoor season and in the winter months at our indoor venue, currently Dudley Evolve.

This year we want to make some changes to the visibility of our Coaches to parents especially during Friday evening outdoor coaching sessions. It is our intention to purchase a coloured sweatshirt for all Coaches which they will wear on a Friday evening. This is to help you locate a Coach in an emergency/to be able to see where your child is on the outfield and who is coaching them. We also intend to purchase coloured sports bibs for the juniors to wear during the session; this will help us monitor who is on the outfield and keep an eye on our Coach to players ratios. This bib will be given out to the player once they have paid their coaching fee prior to the session starting. If Coaches do see junior players without bibs on in their sessions, this will be highlighted to either myself or Matt, Junior Chairman.

All our Coaches, Coach Support Workers and Team Managers are very knowledgeable and have a wealth of experience to be able to support and guide

the juniors, to ensure they get the best out of every session and endeavour to make the session fun and enjoyable for all.

Please do not hesitate to have a word with our Coaches/Managers/or me if you have any concerns or any clarification is required about any sessions we run.

We also value any help you can give us as a Club, so if you want to get more involved in anyway/or you have ideas how we could improve what we do, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Please can I ask that if your child has to carry any medication with them that the Coaches are made aware of this at the beginning of the session eg if an inhaler is required due to asthma/similar respiratory conditions, it is readily available to your child if it should be needed during the session. We also ask that parents of younger children stay on the ground for the duration of the training session.

Thank you for taking the time to read this section of the newsletter and I hope we have a successful fun filled enjoyable season without any major issues.

Deb Hopkins
Welfare Officer