

Gloucester Primary Schools' FA- Handbook for Parents and Players

Gloucester Primary Schools' FA have provided a handbook for all parents and players at the start of the season along with an information pack. All players and parents are required to attend a meeting/presentation by various GPSFA staff at the start of the season. The handbook and presentation include some very useful information for parents and players including who the Associations child welfare officer is, their child welfare policy and what is expected from players and parents whilst representing their district.

This is an example of good practice from GPSFA, ensuring all players and staff are aware of the Associations child welfare policy and know who to go to if they have any concerns. This clear and detailed correspondence from GPSFA shows good proactive communication and provides clarity on the routes of communication within their Association.

GPSFA Welfare Officer

The aim of GPSFA's district teams is to provide children of primary school age with the opportunity to play representative football within a safe and organised environment. The safety and wellbeing of these young people is of prime importance to everyone involved with the organisation.

Every association is required to have a qualified Welfare Officer who, amongst other things, is trained to provide links to various



authorities and agencies should the need arise. Keith Steadman has been our Welfare Officer for over ten years now and he ensures that we have the safeguarding procedures and other policies (see GPSFA website) in place to ensure we provide the best possible environment for our young players to prosper. His other duties include ensuring that all coaches, managers and other staff have completed the

appropriate checks and training courses as required by both the ESFA and FA.

Please remember that the safeguarding and welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Should any of our players or their parents/carers wish to raise any concerns, they should speak to Keith, who will be present at many of our home games and some of our Monday / Friday training sessions. He can also be contacted on 01452 502972 or via email at kms9217@btinternet.com.

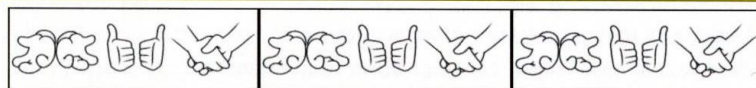
Child Welfare Policy

Every child or young person who plays or participates in sport should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse of any kind. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in that sport.

Gloucester Primary Schools' FA, in association with the English Schools' FA and Football Association, recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

These responsibilities apply to anyone who is involved in the sport, whether in a paid or voluntary capacity and whether a member of staff or parent / volunteer helper, referee or other official. It is the responsibility of individual schools to ensure that all organisers / helpers / officials acting on their behalf comply with this policy and the responsibility of the District Committee to ensure the same with regard to all District Team activities.

Gloucester Primary Schools' FA has, in accordance with Football Association policy, a designated Welfare Officer who is Mr Keith Steadman (01452 502972 / kms9217@btinternet.com), to whom any concerns with regard to the above statement should be referred.



Please refer to www.gpsfa.com to view the full list of GPSFA policy documents including: (a) Safeguarding children (Welfare) (b) Discipline (c) Anti-bullying (d) Data protection