

Our Policies

Safeguarding Children Policy

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This policy applies to all staff, including volunteers, students or anyone working on behalf of GT7 Football Academy.

The purpose of this policy is:

- To protect children and young people who receive GT7 Football Academy services
- To provide anyone working on behalf of GT7 Football Academy with the principles that guide GT7 Football Academy's approach to safeguarding and child protection;

GT7 Football Academy believes that a child or young person should never experience abuse of any kind. We have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people and to keep them safe. We are committed to practise in any way that protects them.

Legal Framework

This policy has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Children and Families Act 2014
- Special educational needs and disability (SEND) code of practice: 0 to 25 years – Statutory guidance for organisations which work with and support children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities; HM Government 2014
- Information sharing: Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers; HM Government 2015
- Working together safeguarding children: a guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; HM Government 2015

This policy should be read alongside our policies on:

- Health and Safety

We recognise:

- The welfare of the child is paramount, as enshrined in the Children Act 1989

- All children regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation
- Some children are additionally vulnerable because of the impact of previous experiences, their level of dependency, communication needs or other issues
- Working in partnership with children, young people, their parents, carers and other agencies is essential to promoting young people's welfare

We will seek to keep children and young people safe by:

- Valuing them, listening to and respecting them
- Adopting child protection and safeguarding practices through a code of conduct for staff and volunteers
- Recording and storing information professionally and securely, and sharing information about safeguarding and good practice with children, their families, staff and volunteers
- Creating and maintaining an anti-bullying environment and ensure that we deal effectively with any bullying that does arise
- Ensuring that we have a safe physical environment for children, young people, staff and volunteers, by applying health and safety measures in accordance with the law and regulatory guidance