



Old Bristolians Westbury Cricket Club Child Welfare Booklet 2021

For any further queries or questions relating to player welfare then please speak to your child's coach at OBWCC, our club Chairman Ross Dallimore or our Child Welfare Officer Will Penny.

Electronic versions of the policies in this booklet are found on the OBWCC club website www.obwcc.co.uk



Old Bristolians Westbury Cricket Club – Child Protection Policy Statement

Reviewed and updated April 2021

Old Bristolians Westbury Cricket Club is committed to ensuring all children (i.e. all persons under the age of 18) participating in cricket have a safe and positive experience.

We will do this by:

- ✓ Recognising all children participating in cricket (regardless of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ability or disability) have the right to have fun and be protected from harm in a safe environment
- ✓ Ensuring individuals working within cricket at, or for, our club provide a welcoming, safe, and fun experience for children
- ✓ Adopting and implementing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) “Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children” www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures
- ✓ Appointing a Club Welfare Officer – **Will Penny** and ensure that he attends training modules required by the ECB
- ✓ Ensuring all people who work in cricket at, or for, our club (such as staff, officials, volunteers, team managers, coaches and so on) understand how the “Safe Hands Policy” applies to them
- ✓ Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are recruited and appointed in accordance with ECB guidelines and relevant legislation
- ✓ Ensuring all individuals working within cricket at, or for, the club are provided with support, through education and training, so they are aware of, and can adhere to, good practice and Code of Conduct guidelines defined by the ECB, and the club
- ✓ Ensuring the name and contact details of the Club Welfare Officer is available:
 - As the first point of contact for parents, children and volunteers/staff within the club
 - As a local source of procedural advice for the club, its committee and members
 - As the main point of contact within the club for the ECB County Welfare Officer and the ECB Safeguarding Team, and
 - As the main point of contact within the club for relevant external agencies in connection with child safeguarding
 - Ensuring correct and comprehensive reporting procedures exist for raising and managing child safeguarding concerns.
- ✓ Providing an environment where the views of children, parents and volunteers are sought and welcomed on a range of issues. This will help us create an environment where people have the opportunity to voice any concerns (about possible suspected child abuse/neglect, and/or about poor practice) to the Club Welfare Officer **Will**

Penny (contact 07966025131). If Will is unavailable then please contact **Ross Dallimore** (Chairman) on **07718923340**. Our full Child Protection Policy Statement is available on the club website and in the clubhouse.

- ✓ Details of the Somerset County Welfare Officer will be made available, in case the Club Welfare officer is unavailable, or the concern relates to the Club Welfare officer.

These are:

SCB Welfare Officer – **Ray Hancock**: raysomcricket@randj.org.uk and **01823 444779**

Deputy County Welfare Officer in **Amanda Counsell** is to be contacted if Ray is unavailable or if you would like any advice or assistance regarding any welfare issues, Amanda can be contacted at: amandacounsell@yahoo.co.uk and **01278 785324**

- ✓ Ensuring all suspicions concerns and allegations are taken seriously and dealt with swiftly and appropriately
- ✓ Ensuring access to confidential information relating to child safeguarding matters is restricted to those who need to know in order to safeguard children – including the Club Welfare Officer and the appropriate external authorities, such as the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), as specified within ECB child safeguarding procedures.

Other points of contact to report a child welfare concern are:

- **Bristol Social Care First Response Team** on 0117 903 6444
- If the **Bristol Social Care** First Response Team offices are closed call the **Emergency Duty Team** on 01454 615 165
- The **Bristol LADO** (Local Area Designated Officer) on 0117 954 0993
- Reporting a child at immediate risk call the **Police** on 999.
- **NSPCC 24 hour Helpline**: 0800 800 5000 (free from a landline)
- **NSPCC Asian Languages Helpline**: 0808 800 5000 (free from a landline)
- **NSPCC Text helpline**: 88858 (service is free and anonymous)
- **The Police**: 101 (non-emergency calls)

Club Welfare Officer – Will Penny



Contact: 07966025131



Old Bristolians Westbury Cricket Club Child Welfare Information

Information for Parents of Youth Players

- ✓ The Club Welfare Officer is **Will Penny** who can be contacted on **07966025131** if you ever have **ANY** concerns over a young person's welfare. If Will is unavailable then please contact **Ross Dallimore** (Chairman) on **07718923340**. Our full Child Protection Policy Statement is available on the club website and in the clubhouse.
- ✓ The responsibility for transport to and from all games / training rests with parents / carers. The club / coach / manager can take no responsibility for organising this transport.
- ✓ Please ensure that you supply your child with adequate drinks and sunscreen. The coach / manager will ensure that they receive sufficient opportunity to drink / apply.
- ✓ Please do not put undue pressure on your child to perform / achieve. OBWCC puts the welfare of young people before winning or achieving goals.
- ✓ Inform your child's coach at OBWCC immediately of any changes to your contact numbers, medical details, etc. It is crucial that this record is up to date and accurate.
- ✓ Ensure that you inform the coach / manager if your child is suffering from any injuries. OBWCC does not want young people to play when not 100% fit.
- ✓ Do not interfere with the coaching of your child (unless specifically asked to be involved).
- ✓ Please familiarise yourselves and abide by the club "Code of Conduct" for both players and parents. It is also necessary to understand the "OBWCC Club Rules" that contains our disciplinary process, although we hope never to have to use it.
- ✓ OBWCC is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for young people whilst playing and practising cricket or participating in other organised activities. All of our policies and practises are guided by the following ECB documents: "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children"
www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures

Important documents that have been published by the ECB that you should be aware of are:

1. "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children"
www.ecb.co.uk/safeguarding/policy-and-procedures
2. Photography, filming and social media broadcast guidelines
https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2019/03/04/87432a60-34b2-40e9-a482-6d0cc740afec/11_ECB_Photography_Filming_and_Social_media_broadcast_Guidelines_2018.pdf
3. Outdoor Kids sun safety code
https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2019/03/04/64afa889-e10a-4de1-8fc4-fea124059e12/15a_Outdoor_Kids_Sun_Safety_Code_2018.pdf
4. Guidance on concussion
https://pulse-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2019/03/04/ba192426-27e3-4dd4-881b-94756ba16878/32a_ECB_Guidance_Concussion_2018.pdf