

Appendix 2



Chesterfield FC and Chesterfield FC Community Trust

Club Safeguarding Policy Amendment- Covid 19

This amendment should be read in conjunction with the Club Safeguarding Policies and Staff Code of Conduct.

Club statement:

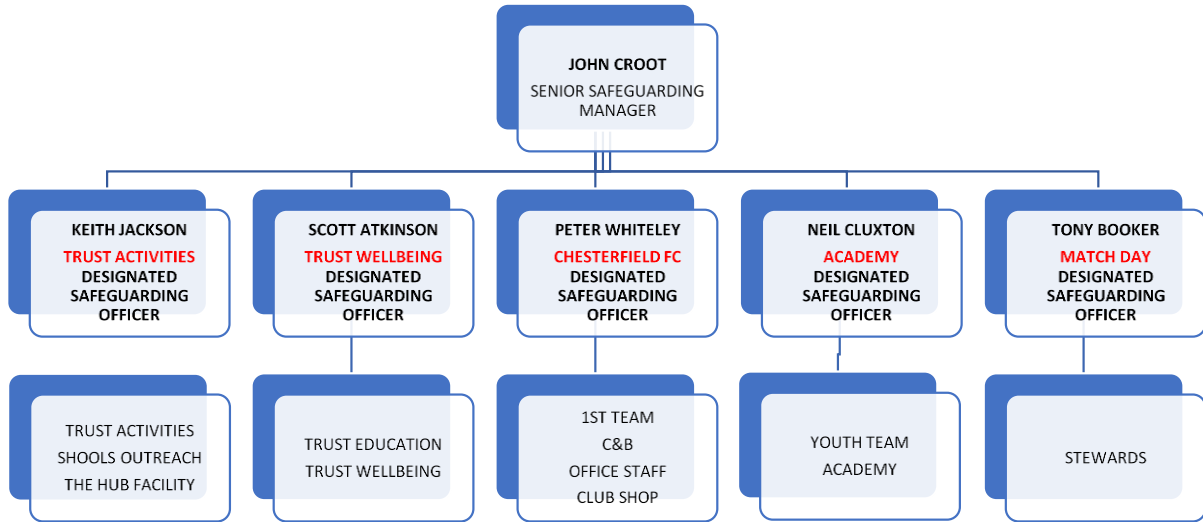
The way in which our football Club is currently operating in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) is fundamentally different to business as usual, however, a number of our important safeguarding principles remain the same:

- with regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children and adults at risk will always continue to come first
- if anyone has a safeguarding concern about any child or adult at risk connected to the Club they should continue to act and act immediately
- the Senior Safeguarding Manager or a Designated Safeguarding Officer will always be available
- unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the Club workforce and/or gain access to children or adults at risk
- children continue to be protected when they are online

Club Safeguarding Contacts:

During the Covid-19 lockdown period the Safeguarding contacts for the Club are as follows:

SAFEGUARDING & EQUALITIES REPORTING PROCESS



IF YOU ARE MADE AWARE OF A SAFEGUARDING OR EQUALITIES ISSUE THEN YOU SHOULD REPORT IT TO YOUR DEPARTMENTS DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

IF YOU CANNOT REPORT THE ISSUE TO YOUR DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING OFFICER, YOU SHOULD REPORT IT TO THE SENIOR SAFEGUARDING MANAGER:

JOHN CROOT – 07469 089244 (24 HOURS)

SAFEGUARDING@CHESTERFIELD-FC.CO.UK

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE REPORTING THE ISSUE INTERNALLY THEN CONTACT:

NSPCC HOTLINE – 0800 023 2642

SAFEGUARDING@THEFA.COM

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE CLUB CHAPLAIN, PAUL HOLLINGWORTH:

CHAPLAIN@CHESTERFIELD-FC.CO.UK

Remember that in an emergency or where there is risk to life you should contact the police immediately.

Other Safeguarding contacts:

If the concern regards a person employed in footballs conduct towards a child:

The FA Safeguarding Team - Tel: 0800 169 1863 Safeguarding@TheFA.com

Jenny Blewitt – County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer - 01332 361422 (option 4)

Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults board – 01332 640777

Derbyshire Police - 101

Social care emergency (out of hours) – 01629 532600

Procedures and Safety Measures for online learning:

The Club expects all staff and players to adhere to the relevant policy. Professional boundaries must be maintained at all times. We have put extra measures in place to reduce the risks in relation to online learning which include:

- All contact online being observable and interruptible
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing as should anyone else in the household
- Any computers being used should be in appropriate areas, for example not in bedrooms and the background should not be blurred
- Online teaching will not be carried out on a one to one basis and will be done in a group setting with several players present,
- Another adult will be invited to be present in the room
- All communication provided will have an educational purpose
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background
- The Club will record online teaching/instruction sessions. Players and parents will be informed that sessions are being recorded in advance of doing so.
- All sessions provided will be via the Clubs I.T platform (for example remote desktop) or Wi-Fi (where possible)

Mental health:

Negative experiences and distressing life events, such as the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of us all. Players who are struggling under the current circumstances should contact the Club safeguarding staff as outlined above. Support can also be accessed through a number of national organisations including:

The Samaritans	Tel: 116 123	https://www.samaritans.org
ChildLine:	Tel: 0800 1111	https://www.childline.org.uk
NSPCC:	Tel: 0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk
Mind:	Tel: 0300 123 3393	https://www.mind.org.uk
PFA:	Tel: 07500 000 777	https://www.thepfa.com/wellbeing
Derbyshire Recovery & Peer Support Service	Tel: 01773 734989	

Online safety:

It is important that internet safety and security messages are re-enforced during this time when we are expecting young people to be online more often. They may also be increasing their usage on devices during their own free time during this lockdown period. It is important that both players and parents are aware of the help and support available should they be concerned about something they have seen or experienced online. These include:

UK Safer Internet Centre	https://reportharmfulcontent.com/
CEOP	https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
Internet Matters	https://www.internetmatters.org/
NetAware	https://www.net-aware.org.uk/
ParentInfo	https://parentinfo.org/
ThinkuKnow	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Remote teaching and support:

Where Trust and Academy staff continue to support education and participation by either live streaming or video-conferencing tools they should be aware that safeguarding protocols continue. One-to-one streams should not be recorded without the appropriate permissions. Any video, voice or telephone calls should only be made with the permission of the parent or carer.

Guidance on remote teaching can be found on the NSPCC website:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/march/undertaking-remote-teaching-safely>