

# **Easy Read Safeguarding Policy**

At Burnley FC and Burnley FC in the Community, we believe that all children have the right to be safe and protected from harm. This sets out how we will keep you safe and what you can do if you have any concerns about your safety or wellbeing.

## **What is safeguarding?**

Safeguarding means keeping you safe from harm. This includes:

- Protecting you from abuse – abuse is when someone is hurting you, either on purpose or by accident. Abuse is never ok.
- Ensuring you live and play in safe and supportive place – this is when and where you feel safe and happy.
- Helping you to stay safe online – this means that you can play computer games and surf the internet without being scared, frightened or worried.

## **Who is responsible for safeguarding?**

Everyone who works with us is responsible for safeguarding you. This includes:

- Staff members
- Volunteers
- Anyone who visits Turf Moor, the Academy, The Leisure Box, Whitehough, our Sports Camps and/or any other place where you are with us.

## **What do we do to keep you safe?**

We have things in place to keep you safe, including:

- Ensuring all staff and volunteers are trained in safeguarding.
- Carrying out background checks on staff and volunteers.
- Having clear policies and procedures for reporting concerns.
- Providing a safe and secure environment for you to be in.
- Encouraging you to speak up if you are scared or worried.
- Helping you to stay safe online by providing advice and guidance on internet safety.

## **What should you do if you have concerns?**

If you have any scared or worried about your safety, you should talk to someone you trust. This could be:

- A member of staff
- Your parent or guardian
- A family member

Remember, it's important to speak up if you are worried about your safety. We are here to help you and keep you safe, both in the real world and online.

### **In the real world you should:**

- ✓ Stick with trusted adults: Always stay with a trusted adult, such as a parent, guardian,
- ✓ Know your safe places: Learn and remember the safe places in your community.
- ✓ Say no to strangers: Never go anywhere with a stranger, accept gifts or treats from strangers.
- ✓ Be mindful of your surroundings: Pay attention to your surroundings and be aware of what's happening around you.
- ✓ Set boundaries: It's okay to say no if someone, even an adult, makes you feel uncomfortable.
- ✓ Talk to someone you trust: If you ever feel scared, confused, or worried about anything, don't hesitate to talk to someone you trust.

### **If you are online, you should:**

- ✓ Always tell a trusted adult if you see or experience anything online that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared.
- ✓ Keep your personal information private and don't share it with strangers online.
- ✓ Use privacy settings to control who can see your profile and posts.
- ✓ Be careful when sharing photos and videos online, and make sure you only share them with people you know and trust.
- ✓ Think before you post or send a message, as once it's out there, you can't always take it back.

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