

SAFEGUARDING

Farnham RFC – Child Safeguarding Officer

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Hello my name is Catherine Male I am the Safeguarding Officer here at Farnham Rugby Club.

This is my first year as the Safeguarding Officer for Farnham Rugby Club and we will continue to maintain and implement our Safeguarding rules, policies and regulations.

The safety of all children and young adults is very important at Farnham Rugby Club. The club takes safeguarding very seriously. We are fully committed to ensure ALL young people whatever their age, culture, disability, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity have the right to protection from abuse and to enjoy the game of rugby in a fun environment, safe from any kind of abuse.

Our procedures are intended to safeguard both the young people with whom we work and also our professional team of volunteers. They are also intended to assist with maintaining the professionalism and the good practice which are associated with the RFU and the sport of rugby union.

We have spent the beginning part of this season ensuring all volunteers hold a current RFU Criminal Records Bureau Enhanced Disclosure Certificate, those including Coaches, First Aiders, Admin Officers and Committee members.

It is EVERYONE'S responsibility at Farnham Rugby Club to report concerns.

If you witness or are aware of an incident where the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult has been put at risk you must in the first instance inform the Club Safeguarding Officer. They will then inform the CB Safeguarding Manager and the RFU Safeguarding Executive. If an incident involves the Club Safeguarding Officer you should inform the Club Chairman or contact the RFU safeguarding team at www.rfu.com.

Please take the time to read the following documents.

- Safeguarding policy
- Codes of conduct for Parents, Coaches and Players
- Anti-bullying policy
- Health & Safety policy
- Photography Policy



The following useful safeguarding websites may also be of interest for both parents and children alike:

www.childline.org.uk
www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk
www.kidscape.org.uk
www.thecpsu.org.uk

