

Deveronvale Football Club Princess Royal Park, Banff Child Protection Policy

Chairman's Introduction

Deveronvale Football Club is a full member of the Scottish Football Association and a member of the Scottish Highland Football League. In addition to its First Team Football Deveronvale runs U20 and U17 Youth teams that compete, respectively, in the ADFA U20 Development League and the SHFL U17 Development League (East).

Deveronvale FC is a club in the heart of its local community and, as such, takes the protection of all young people associated with the Club very seriously. In this context, any young person under the age of 18 years is regarded as a child.

The Board of Deveronvale regard the protection of young people as a key Club priority, whether the young person is a member of one of our Youth Teams, a ball boy or girl helping out on matchdays, a mascot or a spectator who comes to Princess Royal Park on a matchday.

The Club has a comprehensive Child Protection Policy which is posted, along with supporting documentation, on our website. Our coaches and sports therapists are thoroughly vetted, and they are subject to PVG and Disclosure checks and take part in regular CWSF training events.

Our Head of Youth Development, Kevin Stewart, also acts as our Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer and keeps himself fully up to date with the SFA's policies, procedures and training on Child Welfare in Scottish Football. Kevin is also closely associated with Deveronvale Community FC. Kevin is contactable on 07944 468921 or by email on kevstewart@deveronvaleyouthfc.co.uk. Anyone with questions or concerns about the protection of children at Deveronvale FC should, in the first instance, contact Kevin who will discuss such matters with myself and the Club's Board of Directors.

Everyone associated with the Club is aware and recognises that Child Protection is a key priority for Deveronvale FC and fully supports initiatives and development designed to ensure our young people are afforded both respect and protection.

James H. Mair Chairman

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Review

This policy and associated procedures will be regularly reviewed and will include children's participation and feedback on the content and actual experience of implementation as part of the review:

In accordance with changes in legislation and guidance on the protection and safeguarding of children or following any changes within Deveronvale Football Club.

Following any issue or concern raised about the protection and safeguarding of children within Deveronvale Football Club.

In all other circumstances, at least every two years.