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Child Exploitation Policy

This policy has been developed in response to the growing concerns about the scale of sexual exploitation and the recognition that any child might be targeted for grooming and exploitations.

Aims

The aims of this policy are to:

- Demonstrate the commitment of the Xtra Time staff and 1st Touch Coaches to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children.
- Raise awareness about sexual exploitation and grooming.
- Help staff to identify warning signs and vulnerable children.
- Explain the procedures to be followed if sexual exploitation and grooming are suspected.
- Stress the importance of multi-agency cooperation.

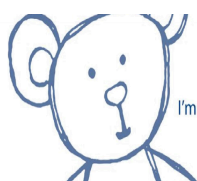
Definitions:

Sexual exploitation is a form of abuse whereby children are deliberately persuaded to enter into situations where they receive something (for example gifts, money, food, accommodation) in exchange for sexual activity.

Children may be exploited by an individual, several individuals working as an organised group, or by a gang.

Grooming is the process of 'preparing' a boy or girl for sexual purpose. Grooming is often slow and subtle, continuing for several weeks or months and lulling the child into a false sense of security. It always involves manipulation and deceit.

Two types of grooming are recognised: street grooming which occurs in the community, and online grooming using technology including the internet and mobile phones.



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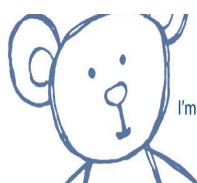
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Procedure

Early identification of risk is known to be a crucial factor in reducing harm, so the vigilance of Xtra Time staff and 1st Touch Coaches is critically important.

The Designated Safeguarding Person must always be informed and the clubs leadership will follow their Safeguarding procedure.

1st Touch Coaches must report to the School's DSP if any concerns arise.



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