



PETERBOROUGH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Peterborough United Football Club Guidance for Parents/ Guardians or Relevant others

The current generation are growing up with the internet as part of their everyday lives. It is a great place for them to learn, have fun and to stay in touch however it is important to make sure that they are safe while they do it.

As access to the internet from various devices increases, it is therefore vital that as parents/ guardians and relevant others we increase our knowledge to combat online threats of harm.

There is information available for you to help keep children, young people or adults at risk safe online: visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> for an introduction.

You may also want to have a look at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre's guide to the internet for parents and carers: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Most social media platforms have a lower age limit of 13 years of age before a person can interact with them. This is to prevent them from being exposed to potentially inappropriate content. In May 2018, WhatsApp raised the minimum user age to 16 years of age.

A full list of the relevant minimum ages can be found at;
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

It is important for you to understand who your child is interacting with online and this includes our staff and volunteers.

It will also be best practice for staff to communicate with your child in a group message setting where all messages remain transparent and accountable. The messages should always be football related and staff should always act professionally. You should provide the Club with consent for such communication and all messages should be visible to you.

There may be occasions where staff are required to contact directly with the 16–18-year-old group. These situations are expected to be in exceptional circumstances and you or a relevant other should always be copied in at the time. Any contact outside of these guidelines will be viewed with suspicion and may be subject to a safeguarding investigation.

The Club are committed to ensuring that we adhere to best practice to reduce the risk of attachment and grooming by those in a position of trust.

If you have any concerns about these matters, you are encouraged to contact the Designated Safeguarding Team

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