



Seymour Villa F.C.

Safeguarding (Website and Social Media)

Seymour Villa F.C. is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects the committee, all volunteers, players and parents/guardians to share this commitment.

We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Child Protection Policy which can be viewed via the website at www.seymourvillaafc.co.uk

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our players are discussed with parents/guardians first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare.

We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Tracey Johnson

The website and team in general can be contacted either directly through your coach. Alternatively, Gary Johnson, the club Chairman can be contacted. The website administrators can be contacted via info@seymourvillaafc.co.uk. All contact will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Photographs and Videos

Whilst lots of parents and carers really enjoy seeing photos and videos of their children's footballing life we are very mindful of our duty of care towards all those we come into contact with. We take the issue of safeguarding very seriously and this includes the use of photographic and video images.

Any photographs or videos taken by parents, carers and relatives at training sessions matches or social events are for the enjoyment of individual families. They must not be used in any way that could potentially place a child at risk. This would include publishing images in any form of print or on the internet including social networking sites. There is a closed Facebook page for Seymour Villa where content may be uploaded however this is on the understanding that any images not expressly relating to a child in your care are not distributed.

We understand that in exceptional circumstances a parent or carer may not wish their child to be photographed or videoed in this way. If this is the case then please contact the Chairman, Safeguarding lead or website admin to discuss how this can be best achieved.

Occasionally, the local press will be invited to take photographs of events and special achievements. We like to use photographs of our children on our website, in club documents, for parent information meetings and newsletters. If you do not wish photographs of your child to be used for these purposes, then please contact the Chairman, Safeguarding lead or website admin.

It is assumed that whilst consent is given due care has been taken to ensure that this in no way allow the identification and locating of children in inappropriate circumstances which include:

- (i) where a child has been removed from his/her family for their own safety;
 - (ii) where restrictions on contact with one parent following a parental separation exist e.g. in domestic violence cases;
 - (iii) in situations where a child may be a witness in criminal proceedings; or
 - (iv) other safeguarding children concerns.
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