

# Lyde Utd F.C.

## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

We, Lyde United F.C. adopt the F.A. Child Protection Policy.

Every child & young person who plays football should be able to participate in an enjoyable & safe environment, & be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.

We recognise, however, that child abuse is also a very emotive & difficult subject. It is important to understand the feelings involved but not allow them to interfere with our judgement about any action to be taken.

Lyde United F.C. recognises its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all its youth members (up to age 18), by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm & from neglect or bullying. We undertake to provide football opportunities to youth members, to the highest possible standard of care.

### **Key Principles of Lyde United Child Protection Policy**

- To provide a designated Child Protection Person
- To develop sound recruitment procedures to help keep unsuitable people from working within the club.
- We encourage best practise in the Clubs work with youth players.
- To develop a positive & pro-active position in order to best protect all children & young people who play football, enabling them to participate in an enjoyable & safe environment.
- The Childs welfare is, & must always be, the paramount consideration.
- All children have the right to be protected from abuse, regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- All suspicions & allegations of abuse will be taken seriously & responded to swiftly & appropriately

Lyde United F.C., through this policy document, indicates its determination to ensure that young people can participate in all forms of football activity & do so with their safety being of paramount importance.