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## CHILD WELFARE

Children are the lifeblood of the game and it is crucial that they are cared for in the correct manner. Any player under the age of 18 is classed as a child and should be respected as such.

As a parent you will no doubt want your child to enjoy their involvement in rugby union in a safe, friendly environment where there are opportunities to learn and develop rugby skills while also having fun.

The RFU, Constituent Bodies, member Clubs and schools all need work together, each with a role to ensure that young people enjoy rugby union in a constructive environment.

In order to provide young people with the best possible experiences and opportunities in the sport of rugby union, it is imperative that everyone operates within an accepted ethical framework and demonstrates exemplary behaviour.

This not only ensures the game makes a positive contribution to the development of young people, safeguards them and promotes their welfare but also protects all personnel from allegations of abuse or poor practice.

The safety and welfare of everyone at the club is of prime importance especially for the juniors. This is where the work of our SAFEGUARDING OFFICER comes in.

We are very lucky to have a Safeguarding officer at the club who can be contacted to discuss any welfare issues you may have.

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You will find either Siobain at the club most Sundays' for anyone who may have any concerns regarding a child, a parent, a coach or a club member.