

# BREDON BUZZARDS JUNIOR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



## Coaches and Managers Guidelines on Child Protection

1. Guidance for Coaches is available in the RFU Booklet 'Policy and procedures for the welfare of young people in Rugby Union'. This is the definitive guidance on Child Protection. The notes beneath are not intended to supplant this, but rather draw attention to some important aspects of child protection which individuals new to coaching may not be familiar with. The RFU booklet can be accessed at [www.rfu.com/PDFs/ChildProtection/CPPolicyText.pdf](http://www.rfu.com/PDFs/ChildProtection/CPPolicyText.pdf)
2. Abuse of children can take many forms, not just sexual abuse. It can take the form of emotional abuse (e.g. being over critical), physical abuse (e.g. hurting children) and neglect (e.g. letting children get too cold)
3. We have a responsibility to report concerns about abuse of club members including concerns about abuse occurring outside club activities.
4. We need to address any bullying that is taking place.
5. We must be very careful about physical contact with the children and in particular should not engage in competitive games or training sessions with them involving contact. If a child was ever to be injured in a situation where contact with an adult was involved, the adult might well be liable for damages.
6. We must be aware of the rules applicable to the age group we are working with and play according to those rules. Failure to do so may invalidate insurance cover.
7. Children should not play outside their age group unless we are absolutely sure that they are allowed to do so under one of the exemptions.