



Digital Communications With 16+ Age Children

Fry Club JFC understands the importance of technology for children and young people's development. However we recognise that relevant safeguards need to be put in place by sports clubs to ensure young people remain safe and responsible whilst online or using social media.

When communicating with 16/17 year olds who hold a position of trust and/or responsibility within Fry Club JFC please adhere to the following guidance:

- ✚ Signed parental/carer consent must be given prior to email, social networking and mobile phone communications with young people holding a position of trust. The adult(s) who will be communicating in this way must be named. The purpose for the communication must be made clear.
- ✚ An email, letter or print/screenshot of an online conversation which confirms how the communications will be utilised must accompany this signed form.
- ✚ Both parties to only communicate for the purpose of the identified professional role(s).
- ✚ Email and/or social media communications between the parties must copy in either the parent/carer or Club Welfare Officer, or both.
- ✚ Do not use language that is directly (or could be misinterpreted as being) racist, sexist, derogatory, threatening, abusive or sexualised in tone in any communication.
- ✚ If any inappropriate communication or content is shared between an adult and an under-18-year-old, this must be reported immediately to the Club Welfare Officer who will seek advice from the County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO) and/or statutory agencies as appropriate.

We have discussed this requirement and give consent for our child to participate in communication directly with the trusted Coaches and Managers of Fry Club JFC for the purposes as agreed. We understand that all representatives of Fry Club JFC will hold an in-date Criminal Record Check (CRC) and should that lapse, will remove themselves from the conversation until such time that it has been renewed.

Child's Name (Printed)	Child's Signature	Date
Parent's Name (Printed)	Parent's Signature	Date
Player's Name (Printed)	Player's Signature	Date

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