

Safeguarding Children - Guidance to Sports Club Members

Taunton School fully recognises its responsibilities for child protection. The Children Act (1989) and Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment in Education (2007) state that the “welfare of the child is paramount”. As a school we therefore place the welfare of our pupils at the centre of our working practices.

The School has an excellent relationship with members of the Sports Club and we hope you will understand that we offer the following guidance in order to protect both members and pupils. As a member you have access to the School’s facilities and measures have been taken to ensure the day to day activities of the School and the Sports Club are kept separate. These measures include:

- Separate Changing Rooms for Taunton School pupils and members of the Sports Club;
- Security access cards for Sports Club members restrict access to facilities;
- Sports Club opening hours do not coincide with pupil use of the facilities.

We ask also that you follow the guidelines set out below:

- **Do not access any areas other than those allowed by your security card at the permitted times;**
- **Do not access the pupils’ changing rooms;**
- **Maintain open and unambiguous behaviour towards children at all times;**
- **Report inappropriate behaviour towards a child (whether from an adult or a child) to a member of staff or directly to the Child Protection Officer (Lee Glaser 01823 349221) immediately. If in doubt, report it.**

Our Child Protection Policy outlines our practices in more detail and can be found on the School’s website (www.tauntonschool.co.uk). In it we outline our approach to safeguarding children which includes:

- Establishing a positive, supportive, secure environment in which children can learn and develop;
- Ensuring we practise safer recruitment in checking the suitability of all staff to work with children;
- Raising awareness of child protection issues and equipping children with the skills needed to keep them safe ;
- Developing and implementing procedures for identifying and reporting cases, or suspected cases, of abuse;
- Supporting pupils who have been abused.

If you have any concerns about this guidance feel free to contact me on the above number.

Lee Glaser (Deputy Headmaster)