



E-Safety Policy

All members, guests and volunteers of Ockbrook & Borrowwash Cricket Club which is affiliated to Derbyshire Cricket Board are expected to:

- Take responsibility for their own use of communication and interactive technologies, making sure they use new technologies safely, responsibly and legally within the context of cricket
- Not bring the club, its members or cricket into disrepute using a communication device or service, including interactive communication services such as social networking
- No communication device or service, including interactive services such as social networking may be used for inappropriate behaviour online within the context of cricket including the bullying or harassment of others in any form, defamation, obscene or abusive language, the uploading of material which is libellous, defamatory, obscene, illegal, shows nudity or is violent
- Report any known misuses of communication and interactive technologies within the context of cricket, including unacceptable behaviour, inappropriate contact with children online and illegal content including sexual abuse/indecent images of children, according to the club's and ECB safeguarding policies and procedures
- Be aware that any report of the misuse of communication and interactive technologies within the context of cricket will be investigated according to the club's policy and procedures and may result in the club's sanctions being enforced. Depending upon the seriousness of the incident legal action may be taken and where suspected criminal activity has taken place a report will be made to the police

In addition to the above club officers and appointed volunteers will:

- Take responsibility for their professional reputation in the online environment, making sure they follow e-safety advice, adhere to privacy and safety settings and report any concerns in accordance with club and ECB policies and procedures
- Not ask for email addresses, mobile phone numbers or social networking profiles of junior members (less than 18 years of age) or search for junior members on social networking services/search engines without the prior consent of parents and in line with the club's policy on the use of information including emergency situations
- Not view, possess, make or distribute sexual abuse/indecent images of children. This is a serious criminal offence
- Junior members will only be contacted directly by club officials on club business and after permission has been granted the child's parent/guardian

The club recommends that parents discuss the following with their children

- Not to make their phone numbers, addresses, school details or any other personal information public on social networking sites - if they wish to show these details then they should choose 'friends only' under the visibility preferences.
- They should not make friends on social networking sites with people they do not know as pseudo profiles are common and can be predatory.
- They should not make friends on social networking sites with other children they know but do not get on with as this can create an avenue for arguments/bullying to take place without the knowledge of a teacher/parent/guardian or other adult.
- Remember that people who are grooming children are patient and can take years building the trust of a child and their family.

- NEVER arrange to meet a contact from a social networking site unless they are absolutely sure they are who they say they are (e.g. a school friend)
- If a child has been approached/abused/bullied via social networking sites the club will try to help the child to take the correct course of action:
- In the case of cyber bullying make sure that the person does not retaliate or respond to the message. Ask the person responsible for the message to remove the content, block the contact if possible and/or contact the networking host to make a report and have the content removed.
- If a child is approached by an unknown person on a networking site with a friend request press ignore
- If a child is approached by an unknown person on a networking site with an apparently innocent message ignore but do not delete.
- If a child is approached by an unknown person on a networking site with repeated or inappropriate messages then call the police. Do not delete or respond to the message(s)
- If a child is approached by an unknown person via text message phone call or email repeated or inappropriate messages then call the police. Do not delete or respond to the message(s).