



Port Vale Football Club

Child Friendly Safeguarding Policy

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1. The purpose and Scope of this Policy statement

This Policy is for use across the club and is to be observed by all those who work with children, young persons, and families as part of its football and educational programmes. The Policy exists to ensure that best practice is promoted and adhered to.

Activities undertaken at the following locations/departments are under the remit of this policy which include:

- Port Vale Football club and the Vale Park Stadium
- Port Vale Foundation Trust
- Port Vale First Team
- Port Vale Academy and youth development
- Port Vale ladies Football team
- Port Vale Retail Store.

2. What is Safeguarding?

• Safeguarding is about keeping children – including you – safe. It is also about taking action to protect a child and implement policies in order to prevent concerns. We may hear or see something, or you may tell us something that we need to act upon but in all situations Port Vale Football Club and its staff believe that your welfare, health and safety are very important. We will respect and protect the rights of all Children (under 18) and Adults (over 18 who need care and support). EVERYONE has a right to protection regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, ability, sexual orientation and political or religious beliefs.

3. Our Aim

• We aim to keep all children safe and to provide a secure environment for you and every other child taking part in our activities. You will be treated fairly and be free from harm, discrimination and bullying. All our staff are trained to keep you safe whilst you are with us and act to preventing harm if we think you need protection or assistance.

4. What can you do to help us keep you and everyone else safe?

- We expect you to listen and follow instructions
- Respect other children and adults
- Be kind and support others
- Accept differences and value diversity
- Take responsibility for your actions
- Tell us what you like or do not like

- Ask for help when you need it
- NOT be rude, bully or discriminate. Misconduct will be dealt with by the Lead Coach/Activity Leader, sanctions may apply and you could be stopped from attending.
- Use your voice If you want to give us some feedback or talk to us about a concern. You can speak to your Coach, Safeguarding Officer or any other trusted adult at the club or you can email safeguarding@port-vale.co.uk If you need to talk. We will listen and It is important to know where to go if you are worried about something or need to talk to someone.

5. Things To Remember

- You can talk to the safeguarding Officers, Coach or Activity Leaders.
- You can talk to any adult from the club that you trust.
- You can call ChildLine at any time on 0800 11 11, they are open 24 hours a day and the conversation will be confidential.

6. Ask for help if someone is:

- Bullying you or saying things to you or about you that you do not like, this could be another child or an adult.
- Sending nasty messages to you on social media or on your phone.
- Threatening to send embarrassing photos of you to others/put them on the internet, or asking you for photos, money or favours.
- Touching you in ways you do not like (NSPCC underwear rule).
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/underwearrule-children-guide-english.pdf>
- Trying to give you tablets, drugs, alcohol or cigarettes.
- Physically hurting you.
- Trying to make friends with you on social media and you don't know them.

Remember we are here to keep you safe. You can speak to us or you can contact Childline on 0800 11 11 <https://www.childline.org.uk>

Our Port Vale Safeguarding Officer is Tim Bailey who has a mobile phone number of 07966 935817.

Board Authority and Acceptance of this Policy

Signed by:

Name Board member..... Date:.....

SSM..... Date:

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis or following learning outcomes as a result of a significant incident or when legislation / statutory guidance changes by the Designated Safeguarding Lead.