



## Coalpit Heath Cricket Club

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Dear Parents

Coalpit Heath Cricket Club welcomes you and your child to the club. We hope that your child will enjoy being a club member and will enjoy the cricket coaching, training, and matches, as well as the social interactions available at the club. The aim of this letter is to provide information that may be helpful to you. Please do ask me – the Club Safeguarding Officer – or any committee member or coach if you have other questions not answered in this letter. The club is run solely by volunteers. We welcome offers of help from all members and hope that as you feel part of the club you will feel able to get involved.

A full list of officers, committee members, coaches and officials can be found on the notice board which includes:

Club Chairman – Fraser Clark

Club President – Steve Williams

Club Captain – Alex Ward

Club Safeguarding Officer – Helen Williams

Youth Coaches & Managers – Jack Carrington, Pete Crawford, Simon Helliker, Jon Billington, Michelle Clark & Rachel Sheppard (Girls Hub)

You are receiving this letter because you have registered your child to play cricket at Coalpit Heath CC for 2024. This membership fee includes:

- all of your child's coaching (both indoor nets & outdoor training sessions)
- match fees
- loan of safety & cricket equipment during matches & training sessions (helmets, pads, gloves, bats, balls etc)

We have been awarded the ECB Clubmark Accreditation, therefore we adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket. All of the adults at the club who work with children must meet the necessary criteria and are vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' Check (formerly known as CRB Check) and relevant Safeguarding and First Aid training.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel able to raise these as soon as possible, so we can rectify things at the earliest opportunity. If you have a question regarding coaching, please approach the coach in the first instance. However, please do not interrupt coaching sessions, especially net practice, as this may distract the coaches when they need to be supervising the youth players. Our coaches will be happy to speak to you before or after training or at another convenient time. If you have questions about kit requirements, training times or travel arrangements please speak to the coaches.

If you have any concerns about your child or another child, or about the behaviour of an adult at the club, please speak to me, the Club Safeguarding Officer. I can also be contacted on 07894 663883 or email to [chccclubwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:chccclubwelfare@gmail.com)

(If your concern is about me, you may contact the County Welfare Officer Ellen Mutch on tel. 07852 815430 or email [safeguarding@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org](mailto:safeguarding@gloucestershirecricketfoundation.org)

The ECB's Safe Hands Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket, is available to view online at

<https://resources.ecb.co.uk/ecb/document/2023/12/14/26fca195-317d-4732-b790-41b5db01b715/ECB-Safe-Hands-Policy-2023.pdf>

I have also attached a copy of *CHCC Youth Cricket Policy* for your interest. A copy is also posted on the notice board in the entrance to the clubhouse, along with copies of the club's *Safeguarding Policy Statement* and *Code of Conduct*. I would ask all parents to read through carefully and encourage your child to read through and understand the expectations detailed in the policy, particularly the information regarding safety during net practice.

Outdoor coaching – Commencing during April in the outside net facilities at the club (depending on weather). Please correspond with your child's coach for days and times. To comply with safeguarding policy, we ask that all electronic communication (email, text, WhatsApp) is between coaches and parents only; and not directly with children.

**\*Please note the coaches cannot accept responsibility for transporting your child to away matches and parents remain responsible for their child at all times**

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the club, and to see their progress in cricket over the forthcoming season.

Yours Faithfully,

*Helen*

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