

## **Child Protection Policy** July 2008

- Pex Hill JFC recognises that every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse.
- To this end Pex Hill JFC have appointed a "Child Protection Officer" to ensure the Halton and District Junior Football League's, St Helens and Rainhill Junior Football League, Bootle Junior Football League and the Football Association's child protection policies are adhered to.
- The Child Protection Officer will have a working knowledge of Child Protection or will undertake any training as necessary.
- The Child Protection Officer will provide club officials, managers and volunteers with Child Protection literature as deemed necessary and will be available to discuss any concerns.
- The Child Protection Officer will maintain confidentiality on a strictly "need to know" basis and store any relevant documents in a secure location.
- The Child Protection Officer will immediately contact the Police, Social Services, the N.S.P.C.C, the Halton and District Junior Football League, St Helens and Rainhill Junior Football League and Bootle Junior Football League Child Protection Officer and the F.A. child protection administrator of any possible abuse occurring within the club.
- The Child Protection Officer will regularly attend club matches, training and managers' meetings.
- The club will ensure to the best of it's ability that no person who has committed an offence under any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes the club to believe that the person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or young person.
- The club officials will ensure that newly appointed officials, managers and volunteers complete a Football Association Personal Disclosure form and reference form.
- The club recognises the five main forms of abuse are; physical, emotional, sexual, neglect and bullying, and that children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, racial origin, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- The club will take all suspicions and allegations of abuse seriously and will respond swiftly