

7. Guidance for U18s

Using club webpage's, social networks, email and texts.

Mobile technology is a key part of everyday life including how and where you can find information about football. Whether it's about professional teams you follow or your own team or club it's a great way to get and share information.

Within football we want you to use social networks, the internet, texts and email safely to get the information you need. We have produced the guidance below to keep you all safe and to ensure that we respect each other:

- **Tell an adult you trust about any communications that make you feel uncomfortable or that asks you not to tell your parent/carer**
- Know **who** from your club should be contacting you and **how** they should be contacting you
- You can talk to your club's welfare officer if you are unhappy about anything sent to you or said about you over the internet, social networking sites, text messages or via email
- Don't post, host, text or email things that are hurtful, insulting, offensive, abusive, threatening, or racist as this would go against football rules and could also be against the law
- Don't give out personal details including mobile numbers, email addresses or social networking account access to people you don't know well offline
- Facebook has different 'set up' guidelines for U18s to help to keep you safe – use them
- Even if you get on with your coach, manager, club officials, adult referees or mentors, don't invite them to become your friends online, they have been asked not to accept such invitations
- Tell an adult you trust if an adult involved at your club or within refereeing asks you to become their friend online and inform your club welfare officer

- If you receive an image or message which you find offensive, threatening or upsetting tell an adult you trust. Make sure you copy and save the image/message elsewhere or print it off before you remove and destroy it because this may be needed as evidence
- You can also report concerns directly to the police by clicking on this Button or by using the link below

www.clickCEOP.net

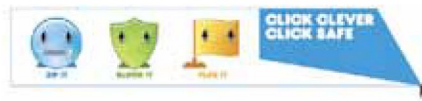


If you want to know more about how to keep safe online follow the links below

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



<http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk/index.html/>



<http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/WhatWeDo/FootballSafe/2010BeOnTheBall>

if you receive offensive, abusive or threatening messages via any social media platform - do not respond - you could end up in trouble yourself.
Block the messenger....
Save/screenshot the message...
tell your parents/guardian, your team coach or club welfare officer