



CHILD & PARENT BEHAVIOUR POLICY – AS FOOTBALL ACADEMY PORTSMOUTH

A child & Parent behaviour policy in football focuses on creating a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for all young players. It emphasizes respect, fair play, and the well-being of children, addressing challenging behaviours while prioritizing their safety and development. The policy outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviours, procedures for managing challenging situations, and reporting mechanisms for concerns.

Key Elements of a Child Behaviour Policy in Football:

- Creating a Positive Environment:

The policy aims to foster a positive environment where children feel safe, respected, and supported to participate fully.

- Acceptable Behaviours:

These typically include playing fairly, respecting teammates and opponents, following the rules, and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

- Unacceptable Behaviours:

These can range from bullying and discrimination to physical aggression, verbal intimidation, and inappropriate touching.

- Managing Challenging Behaviours:

The policy believes that both children and parents will be dealt with in a fair and appropriate manner. Children and parents will be dealt with, firstly a verbal warning and then, should the route take us there again, a written warning. If things become apparently extreme, then none of the previous shall be done. An instant removal of both parent and child be taken. We shall also, where necessary, seek support from external agencies, and potentially implementing consequences.

- Safeguarding:

Child protection procedures are a crucial part of the policy, ensuring that all adults involved in football are aware of their responsibilities to protect children from harm. – (see the Safeguarding Children Policy)

- Reporting Concerns:

Clear guidelines on how to report concerns about a child's well-being or the conduct of adults are essential. We all a private approach to such circumstances and also in writing, should the need to raise it to that level.



- Individual Agreements:

In some cases, individual agreements with children and their parents/carers may be necessary to address specific behavioural challenges.

- Consequences:

The policy will allow appropriate consequences for unacceptable behaviour, which may include warnings, suspension, or expulsion in severe cases.

- Training and Support:

We will, where necessary, provide training for coaches and other adults involved in football on child protection, managing challenging behaviour, and promoting positive environments is crucial

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Signed Andy Sillence.....2026.....

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