CROSBY STUART JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Transporting Children Policy

Getting to and from training and matches safely · England Football Accredited ★★★

Most of our teams train at Marine AFC and play home games at Brook Vale Playing Fields, with away games across Merseyside and beyond. This policy explains who is responsible for getting players to and from football and how we keep them safe.

Parents and carers are responsible

- **Parents and carers are responsible for arranging their child's transport** to and from training, matches and club events.
- Lift-sharing between families is a private arrangement between parents. It is not organised or supervised by the club.
- The team manager will share meeting points, kick-off times and venue details in good time.

Coaches and volunteers

Coaches, team managers and volunteers should **avoid giving lifts to players who are not their own children**. If it can't be avoided, for example in an emergency:

- Get the parent or carer's permission first.
- Don't travel alone with one child – take at least two children, or another adult.
- The child sits in the back seat.
- Tell another club official when you're setting off and when you expect to arrive.

Anyone driving players must

- Hold a full, valid driving licence.
- Have insurance that covers the journey.
- Drive a roadworthy vehicle with a valid MOT.
- Make sure everyone wears a seatbelt, and use the correct child car seat or booster seat as required by law.
- Never drive after drinking alcohol or taking drugs, and never use a handheld phone while driving.

Dropping off and collecting

- Please arrive on time, and collect on time.
- Make sure your child is handed over to a coach at the start of the session.
- If someone else is collecting your child, tell the team manager beforehand.

- Children will not be allowed to leave on their own unless their parent or carer has told the team manager in writing that they may.

If a child isn't collected

1. The coach waits with the child, with another adult present.
2. The coach calls the parent or carer, then the emergency contact.
3. The child is never taken home alone by a coach or volunteer.
4. If nobody can be reached, the coach takes advice from a Club Welfare Officer and, if needed, contacts the police.

> Repeated late collection will be raised with the family by the team manager or a Club Welfare Officer.

Minibuses and coaches

If the club hires transport for a trip or tournament, it will only use a licensed operator, and parents will be given full details and asked for consent in advance.

Who to contact

Club Welfare Officers
Von Parker Sheridan (Girls) · **Joe Buckley** (Boys)
welfare@crosbystuart.co.uk

Club Secretary
Jan Meadows
secretary@crosbystuart.co.uk

Liverpool FA Safeguarding
Safeguarding@LiverpoolFA.com · 0151 523 4488

The FA Safeguarding Team
Safeguarding@TheFA.com · 0800 169 1863

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000 · Childline 0800 1111

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