

Whitkirk Cricket Club

Missing Child Policy

If a child, for whom Whitkirk Cricket Club has responsibility, goes missing, the ECB Missing Child Guidelines will be followed. The guidelines have been devised to clarify the actions to take and we will:

- Ensure other children in your care are looked after appropriately while we organise a search for the child concerned
- Inform the child's parents, if they are present at the event, or nominate an appropriate person to telephone them and advise of the concern, providing reassurance that we are doing all we can to locate their child.
- Organise all available responsible adults by areas to be searched. This may take a short time but is important in order to organise the search properly so that all places are searched fully
- Send searchers immediately to any exits to the venue to ensure the child has not left, and to any obvious potential danger spots such as nearby lakes or rivers.
- Search the area in which the child has gone missing including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the club's grounds
- Request all those searching to report back to a nominated adult at a specific point
- This nominated person will remain at this reference point and make a note of events, including a detailed physical description of the child. This should include approximate height, build, hair and eye colour as well as the clothing the child was wearing and where and when they were last seen. If the search is unsuccessful we will contact the police within 20 minutes after the child's disappearance is noted, even if the search is not complete
- If the police recommend further action before they get involved, we will follow their Guidance
- If the police act upon the concern, we will always be guided by them in any further actions to take.
- At any stage when the child is located, we will inform all adults involved including the parents, searchers and the police if, by then, they are involved
- All missing child incidents will be notified at the very earliest opportunity to the Club Welfare Officer, who will immediately notify the County Welfare Officer, who must then notify the ECB Safeguarding Team

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