

To:

Parents and Guardians of children involved in MK Dons FC and MK Dons Sport and Education Trust football provision

Dear Parent / Guardian,

DISCLOSURES OF CHILD ABUSE IN FOOTBALL

I am writing to you following the recent media stories regarding the recent disclosures of child abuse in Football and what you should do next if you have any concerns.

Everyone at MK Dons and MK Dons Sport and Education Trust is shocked and appalled at the horrific abuse disclosed recently. We are sure that you share our concerns and so wanted to assure you that we take these issues very seriously and reassure you that we regularly review our safeguarding procedures to ensure that they are robust and compliant.

All of our coaching staff are required to have a current DBS (Disclosure and Barring service check) and we maintain a central record to make sure their qualifications, including those relating to safeguarding are up to date. We also operate safeguarding training ourselves which is accredited by the local Safeguarding Board from whom we take additional advice and support.

We would welcome your help to ensure that we continue to offer a safe environment and that we offer support to those who need it. Accordingly, if you have any concerns regarding safeguarding matters in the Club or the Sport and Education Trust please contact me at safeguarding@mkdons.com. Alternatively, you can contact the FA on safeguarding@thefa.com.

Finally, I want to remind you that the FA has commissioned the NSPCC to provide a specific helpline to encourage more people to come forward. The number is 0800 023 2642.

Safeguarding is everybody's business and together we can ensure that our sporting environments for young people are as safe as they can be and your help is crucial in achieving that aim.

Yours Sincerely,



John Cove
Designated Safeguarding Officer
MK Dons FC / MK Dons Sport and Education Trust