

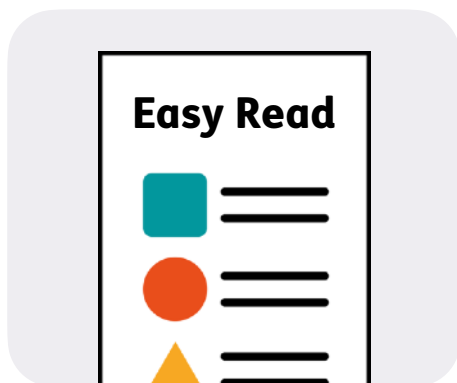


**Easy  
Read**

# **Keeping our club safe, fun and for everyone**



# Easy Read

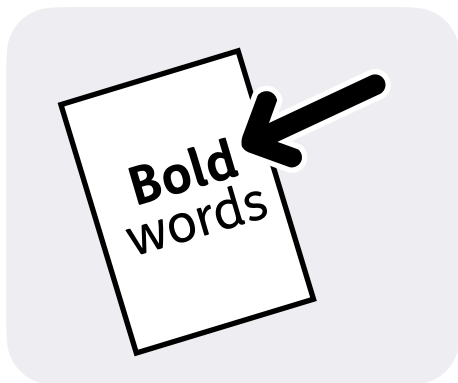


This is an Easy Read version of some information.

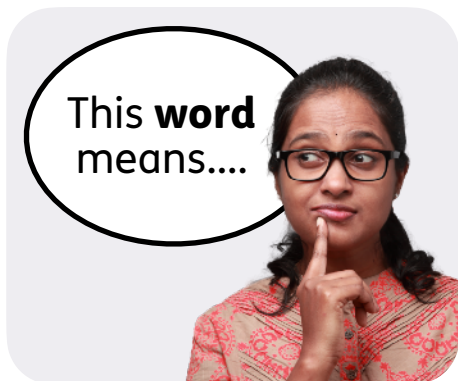
It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

# What is in this booklet

|                                                                       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| About this booklet .....                                              | 4  |
| What football clubs should do.....                                    | 5  |
| What football clubs should not do .....                               | 6  |
| What football club staff should do .....                              | 7  |
| What people who work or volunteer at your club should<br>not do ..... | 11 |
| Find out more.....                                                    | 15 |

# About this booklet



We are The Football Association, called The FA for short.



We are in charge of football in England.



We want everyone to be able to safely take part in football.



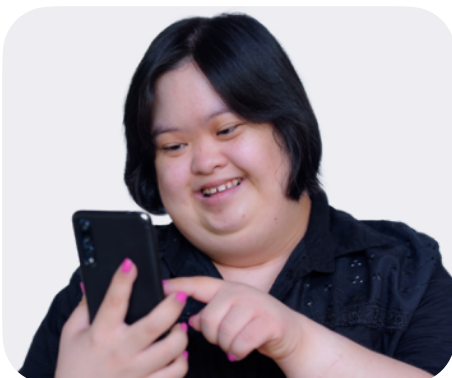
This booklet explains how your football club can be safe, fun and include everyone in football.

# What football clubs should do

Everyone who is part of your football club should:



- Treat each other fairly and with respect.



- Use **social media** in a polite and friendly way.

**Social media** is websites like Instagram, Facebook and X.



- Tell the **Club Welfare Officer** if they are worried about something.

Your **Club Welfare Officer** is the person in charge of keeping people safe.

# What football clubs should not do

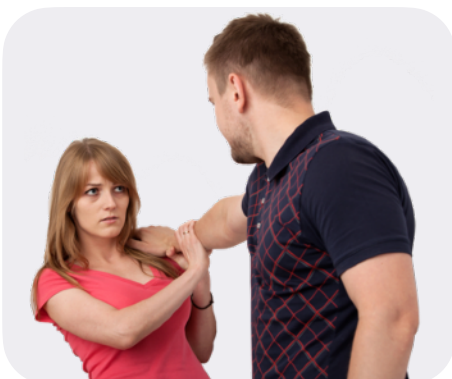
**Nobody who is part of your football club should:**



- Take photos or videos in changing rooms or take photos or videos when people are not dressed.



- Hurt, bully or steal from anyone.



- Touch someone in a way that the person finds upsetting.

# What football club staff should do

People who work or volunteer at your club should:



- Follow **The Grassroots Code**.

**The Grassroots Code** is the rules about behaviour all adults in football should follow.



- Help you become a better footballer.



- Make sure your football training and matches are fun.

## People who work or volunteer at your club should also:



- Work in open places where other people can see you.



- Involve you in decisions and choices about the club.



- Support you to do things for yourself.



- Be honest about how much you have to pay to be part of the club.

**People who work or volunteer at your club should also:**



- Help to keep you safe.



- Be professional with you.



- Listen to you and to the things you are worried about.

**People who work or volunteer at your club should only touch you if:**



- They are helping you learn new football skills.



- You are hurt and they are giving you first aid.



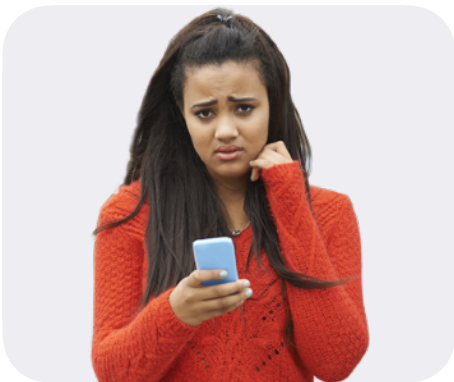
- They are celebrating with you.



- You say that it is okay for them to touch you.

# What people who work or volunteer at your club should not do

**People who work or volunteer at your club should not:**



- Send you private messages over text or on social media.



- Be nasty to you or about you, both in person and online.



- Ask you to buy them things.

**People who work or volunteer at your club should also not:**



- Touch you in a sexual way, or a way that you do not like.



- Make you get undressed or shower if you do not want to.



- Watch you when you get undressed or shower.



- Ask you to send them photos of you or take photos of you that make you feel uncomfortable or scared.

**People who work or volunteer at your club should also not:**



- Leave you out.



- Ask you to keep secrets.



If any of these things happen to you or another person, you can tell:

- Your Club Welfare Officer.
- Another adult you trust.



The person you tell may need to tell someone else to help keep you safe.



They will help you to be involved in the process as much as you want to be.

# Find out more



You can look at our website here:  
[TheFA.com](https://www.thefa.com)

This Easy Read booklet was produced by [easy-read-online.co.uk](https://easy-read-online.co.uk)  
The booklet includes images licensed from Shutterstock.