



OPM JUNIOR RFC

Child Protection Policy

At OPM RFC we have a duty of care to ensure that all children are protected and kept safe from physical, sexual and emotional harm whilst they are with our coaches, helpers and other volunteers. Taking part in our sport should be a positive and enjoyable experience for our children and therefore we adopt the following:

All involved with JUNIOR RUGBY at OPM RFC (whether in a formal coaching or match setting or in a social setting) have a moral obligation to ensure that children and young players are provided with the highest possible standard of care.

OPM RFC fully supports the RFU Child Abuse and Child Protection policies for clubs. We are taking steps to ensure that all adults who have dealings with our players, either in a coaching capacity or in any kind of supervisory or voluntary role will undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS).

All coaches are encouraged to complete RFU coaching courses at an appropriate level. The club will support them and keep them informed of such coaches as they are available. We will also encourage all volunteers to attend the RFU Safeguarding Course "Play it Safe".

Our Child Protection Officer is **Steve Foale**, a serving Police Officer with the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, and will be taking advantage of training opportunities made available through the Devon RFU.

RFU Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults in Rugby Union Policy:
<http://www.rfu.com/managingrugby/safeguardingchildren>