



RADLETT CRICKET CLUB

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SOCIAL MEDIA, EMAIL AND TEXTS POLICY

In order to create this policy we have used the ECB's Guidance for Parents, Carers, Children and Young People on the use of Social Media, Texts and e-mail.

Social Media

This generation is growing up with the internet as part of their everyday lives. It's a great place for them to learn, to have fun and to chat with their friends. Of course, it's important to make sure that they're safe while they do it.

As children have access to the internet from various devices, it can be more difficult to monitor their use than when a 'home computer' sat in a downstairs room, and more important that parents/carers have greater knowledge. There is great information available for you to help keep your child safe online: visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> for a good introduction.

You may also want to have a look at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre's guide to the internet for parents and carers: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Remember: it is against Facebook's rules for your child to have an account if they're under thirteen years old. This is to prevent them from being exposed to potentially inappropriate content. You will find all you need to know about keeping young teens safe on Facebook on their official safety page for parents: <http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/> .

In April 2018, Whats App raised their minimum age to 16 years.

Most importantly of all, it's important that your child feels they can talk to someone if they are being bullied online, or if they've been exposed to something that makes them upset or uncomfortable.

If you suspect that someone is using social media in an unsafe or inappropriate manner, you should report their behaviour to our Club Welfare Officer, the County Welfare Officer, or the ECB Safeguarding team – email safeguarding@ecb.co.uk

If you believe that an offence has been committed, or that someone's use of social media is placing a child at risk of harm, inform the police immediately.

Our core guiding principle for anyone posting online via a cricket club social media related account is that it important to be mindful that you are representing the club and that your communications should conform to 'Safe Hands' policy and guidance. Ensure that nothing you post could cause personal distress or be seen as inappropriate for children. If you wouldn't put it on the club notice board, it doesn't belong on the club's social media pages. Prior to posting you should have consent if posting any personal information online – this includes photographs where an individual can be identified. Remember the picture/no name guidance for under 18s

Texts, apps and emails: contacting Under 18 players

The Children Act defines a person under 18 years as a child.

Arrangements for under 18s should be via their parents or carers; this includes text and email or Whats App messages etc.

Radlett CC recognise however that in the case of over 16's this may not be ideal for team officials, the child or the parents. As such an acceptable exception to this rule is to text or email the parent and to copy in the 16 or 17 year old, with the parent's prior consent. This means the parent is able to monitor communications, but the 16 or 17 year old receives the information directly. If any responses are received that appear inappropriate they should be brought to the attention of the parent or carer. Radlett CC officials should not engage in individual text or email conversations with a 16 or 17 year old without their parent receiving the same messages. All contact with children should be in relation to coaching, matches and cricket-related activity.

Social Media Principles :

- Cricket Club social media will only be used for cricket club related activity and not for personal use
- Photos and personal information to be kept private.
- Content creators will apply Codes of Conduct and appropriate professionalism to their behaviour online, by text and email.
- Consent will be obtained before posting any personal information online – this includes photographs where an individual can be identified.
- Our photography and video policy to be used at all times
- We will not send private messages to children and young people via apps or social media.
- We will not Invite or accept children and young people to become "friends".
- We will not send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way.
- We will be mindful of who may have access to material you share via social media, including Facebook, twitter and other platforms.

Our guidance for Parents

- Please make sure you are aware of who your child has contact with online and via text.
- Be aware of the ECB and the club's expectations for coaches and social media.
- Talk to your children about using social media.
- Provide your mobile number and e-mail if requested, so the club can contact you.
- Report any content you think may be improper or unlawful to the Internet Watch Foundation : <https://www.iwf.org.uk>

Our guidance for Children and Young People

The internet is a great place to learn and have fun with your friends, and the best way to have fun is to make sure that you stay safe. You should think about the points below whenever you use the internet, or speak to people on line or by text:

If someone isn't your friend in real life, they aren't your friend on the internet. Be careful when accepting friend requests.

Sometimes people on the internet aren't who they say they are. If you're not 100% sure, then don't risk it.

Remember to change your privacy settings so only your friends can see information about you, your wall posts and your photos.

If someone is sending you messages or texts that you are worried about, you should tell your parents, an adult you trust, your teacher or your club's welfare officer.

- Remember that your coach is a professional, just like your teachers. They should not be your friend on Facebook, and should not be texting or messaging you.
- You can expect them to make arrangements for coaching and matches via your parents.
- Bullying can happen online too, and it's known as cyber-bullying. If you, or someone you know, has had this happen to them you should tell an adult you can trust.
- Don't be afraid to tell someone if you have concerns.
- Have a look at the Think You Know page on the internet for more information about staying safe online: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Young people DO

- Keep your photos and personnel information private
- Conduct yourself in a respectful and courteous manner on social media as you would at home, in school or at cricket.
- Tell a professional or an adult that you trust if you are worried or concerned about online behaviour or unwanted contact/communication.

Young people DO NOT

- Send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way.
- Accept any friend requests from people you don't know or you feel uncomfortable accepting.

Any concerns regarding the above should be raised to the Club Welfare Officer.