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January 2017 – Safeguarding the Welfare of Our Players

Dear Parents

We hope that you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and that your children are looking forward to a football filled 2017!

You will have noticed that, unfortunately, football has been in the national news for all of the wrong reasons recently. The purpose of this communication is to let you know how we safeguard the welfare of your children while they are in our control.

1. Criminal Record Checks

Every coach and manager is required to undergo an FA-enhanced criminal record check before they are permitted to have regular contact with your children.

2. FA Safeguarding Children Workshop

Every coach and manager is required to attend and complete the FA's Safeguarding Children Workshop. The Workshop focuses on how to make football safe. Attendees learn how to recognise signs and symptoms of abuse and identify what behaviour causes concern and what actions to take.

3. Charter Standard

We have been awarded the Charter Standard accreditation for more than seven years. The Charter Standard programme provides a nationally recognised quality control kite mark, which identifies that we prioritise child welfare.

4. Safeguarding Policy

The Club follows the FA's recommended Safeguarding Policy. A copy of all of our policies and codes of conduct are available at: www.alexutd.com/policies

4. New Welfare Officer.

We have appointed Simon Trent to the role of Welfare Officer. Simon recently completed the FA's Welfare Officer Workshop.

If you or your child ever has a concern about their welfare or the welfare of a fellow player (whether this is connected with their footballing activities or otherwise at home), we would encourage you to alert your team manager.

There may be circumstances where it would be inappropriate to speak to the team manager. In these cases, or at any other time, you can contact our Welfare Officer or Club Secretary to raise a complaint or alert the Club to any concern you have.

On a rare occasion, you might feel that it would be inappropriate to contact anyone within the Club. In this situation, you can contact Frank Thompson, the Welfare Officer at Surrey FA.

The contact details for those mentioned above are:

Name	Role	Contact Details
Simon Trent	Alexandra United Welfare Officer	welfare@alexutd.com 07535 450 173
Charlie Cairns	Alexandra United Club Secretary	charlie@alexutd.com 01372 63 2832
Frank Thompson	Surrey FA Welfare Officer	frank.thompson@surreyfa.com 01372 384 745 07747 764 349

5. FA Visits

The FA often carries out routine inspections of club training sessions to ensure that the adults involved in the sessions have had the relevant checks and hold the appropriate qualifications in respect of safeguarding. The FA has told all clubs that they will be increasing the number of welfare inspections that take place in January and February.

6. Further Information

Alexandra United has a strong record of safeguarding the welfare of its players but we hope this information is a useful reminder of the initiatives and policies we have in place. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Club Secretary or Welfare Officer.

Kind regards



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