

# BLEDLow RIDGE CRICKET CLUB

Meadow Styles Sports Ground, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge



## Guidelines for the use of Social Media, texts, apps, email and messaging services-March 2022

**All members and guests of the club are reminded that our Codes of Conduct also apply online and in text and email communications.**

### Children & Young People

The internet is a great place to learn and to 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 online 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, don't risk it.

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

If someone is sending you messages or texts that you are worried about, tell your parents, an adult you trust, your teacher or your club's safeguarding 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. If you, or someone you know, has had this happen to them, you should tell an adult that 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: <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

## **DO...**

- Keep your photos and personal 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 you trust if you are worried or concerned about online behaviour or unwanted contact/communication.
- Report any indecent image or video footage to the Internet Watch Foundation - they can have these removed <https://www.iwf.org.uk>

## **DO NOT...**

- DO NOT send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way
- DO NOT accept any friend requests from people you don't know or you feel uncomfortable accepting
- DO NOT send or forward any indecent images of yourself, someone you know, or anyone you don't know, even if it seems to be done in fun - it is wrong and it is against the law

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