

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-September 2019

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

Parents / Carers

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: <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>

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.

- 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
- Report any content you think may be improper or unlawful to the Internet Watch Foundation: <https://www.iwf.org.uk>
- Talk to your children about using social media
- Provide your mobile number/email address if requested, so the club can contact you

If you suspect that someone is using social media in an unsafe or inappropriate manner, you should report their behaviour to your 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 is at risk of harm, inform the police immediately.