

Welcome Letter to Parents/ Carers

Dear Parent/ Carer

Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club welcomes you and your children to the club. We hope that your child(ren) will enjoy being a club member and all of the coaching, training and matches as well as the other activities available at the club. The aim of this communication is to provide information to both new and existing members, which will be helpful. Please do ask me-the Club Welfare Officer- or any committee member or coach if you have any questions not answered in this letter.

Like most clubs, BSECC is run by a number of volunteers and we welcome offers of assistance from anyone who feels that they might like to get involved. A full list of officers, coaches and team captains can be found on the club website (www.burystedmundscricketclubofficialsite.co.uk)

We are a Clubmark club and we adhere to the 'Safe Hands' Policy for Safeguarding Children in Cricket (www.ecb.co.uk/safehands). All of the adults who work with children and meet the necessary criteria are vetted by the ECB. This includes the enhanced DBS and 'Barred List' checks.

If you haven't done so already, you must complete a junior registration form on behalf of your child(ren). A fully completed form ensures that a child can take a full part in matches, training and other club activities. I would particularly draw your attention to the consent section and the club's safeguarding policies and Code of Conduct which can be found on the club website.

Whilst we hope your child will be happy and content at the club, we understand that sometimes questions, concerns or difficulties may arise. Please feel free to raise these as soon as possible so that any problems can be rectified at the earliest opportunity. Questions regarding coaching can be taken up directly with the coaches but please do not interrupt coaching sessions. Our team of coaches will be happy to discuss any concerns or questions either before or after the session.

If you have any questions about kit requirements, training times etc. please speak to our Junior Cricket Manager, John Williams. He is available on 07751 116450 or johnbwilliams@keme.co.uk

If you have any concerns about your child or another child or indeed the behaviour of any adult at the club, please speak to me, the Club Welfare Officer. I am available on 07786 223379 or lesleyannecurry@yahoo.co.uk

If your concern is about me, you may contact the County Welfare Officer on 07752 415619 or graham-moss@live.co.uk

At BSECC, we are only too aware of the recent events surrounding football and historic allegations and so we want to demonstrate that this is the safest environment for your child to play cricket. You will see from our code of conduct and safeguarding policies, we take the issue extremely seriously. In fact, we have recently formed a Safeguarding Committee (of which I am a member) in order to support me in my role as Club Welfare Officer and to ensure that our policies are both relevant and effective.

We do hope that you and your child(ren) enjoy being members here at BSECC and look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours Faithfully

Lesley Curry

Club Welfare Officer