

Front Foot Coaching – Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

1. Policy Statement

At Front Foot Coaching, the safety, wellbeing, and protection of every child we work with is our highest priority. We are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all children, young people, and vulnerable individuals participating in our coaching sessions. This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding and the steps we take to ensure that children are protected from harm at all times.

2. Our Commitment

Front Foot Coaching will:

- Provide a safe and welcoming environment where children feel respected and valued.
- Ensure that all staff understand their responsibilities in safeguarding children and act on any concerns promptly.
- Work in partnership with schools, parents and carers.
- Maintain full compliance with UK safeguarding legislation and best practice guidelines.

3. Staff Responsibilities and Training All Front Foot Coaching

staff:

- Are Enhanced DBS Checked before beginning any work with children.
- Have completed recognised Safeguarding and Child Protection Training (updated regularly).
- Are trained in recognising signs of abuse and neglect and know the procedures for reporting concerns.

4. Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Name: Samuel Wilding

Position: Designated Safeguarding Lead

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The DSL is responsible for:

- Acting as the main point of contact for safeguarding concerns.
- Responding to child protection disclosures or reports.
- Liaising with schools, local authorities, and parents where necessary.

- Keeping accurate and confidential records of all concerns and actions. **5.**

Safeguarding Procedures Front Foot Coaching will:

- Report any safeguarding concerns to the appropriate school DSL or local authority immediately.
- Record all concerns in writing using secure documentation and data protection practices.
- Follow the “best interest of the child” principle in all decision-making.
- Support any child involved in or affected by a safeguarding issue with sensitivity and confidentiality.

6. Code of Conduct for Staff

All Front Foot Coaching staff must:

- Treat all children with dignity and respect.
- Never use physical punishment or inappropriate language.
- Avoid being alone with a child where possible; sessions take place in open, visible settings.
- Maintain clear professional boundaries at all times.

7. Working with Schools and Parents

- Front Foot Coaching works in full partnership with schools and parents to keep children safe.
- We respect and follow the individual safeguarding policies of partner schools.
- Parents and schools will be informed promptly of any safeguarding concerns relating to their child, unless doing so would place the child at further risk.

8. Policies and Documentation Available

The following documents are available on request or via our website:

- Risk Assessments for all activities and venues
- First Aid Policy and procedures
- Full staff training certificates (DBS, Safeguarding, First Aid)

9. Reviewing and Updating the Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually or in line with legislative changes. All updates will be shared with staff, schools, and made publicly available.

Policy Last Updated: 1st September 2025

Next Review Date: 1st September 2026

Front Foot Coaching is fully committed to safeguarding every child and ensuring our coaching environments are safe, supportive, and inclusive for all.