

## Newport County AFC Academy Safeguarding Statement

At Newport County AFC Academy, we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all players, staff, and volunteers. The welfare of children and young people is our highest priority, and we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously.

We adhere to The FA's **Safeguarding Children Policy and Procedures**, ensuring that all children and young people involved in our academy feel protected, valued, and respected. Our approach to safeguarding includes:

**Safe Recruitment** – All staff, coaches, and volunteers undergo rigorous safeguarding checks, including enhanced DBS screening and appropriate training.

**Clear Policies & Procedures** – We follow strict guidelines for child protection, anti-bullying, online safety, and whistleblowing.

**Education & Awareness** – We provide ongoing safeguarding training for staff, players, and parents to promote a culture of vigilance and responsibility.

**Dedicated Safeguarding Team** – Our designated **Academy Safeguarding Officer** is available to offer advice, respond to concerns, and ensure best practices are followed at all times.

**Confidential Reporting** – We encourage anyone with concerns about a child's welfare to report them promptly and confidentially.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or need support, please contact our **Academy Safeguarding Officer**:

[safeguarding@newport-county.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@newport-county.co.uk)

Together, we can ensure a safe and positive experience for all young players at Newport County AFC Academy.