

## Abbeydale Golf Club Child Protection Policy Statement

**Abbeydale Golf Club (AGC) is committed to the following**

1. That the safety and welfare of children should always be of paramount importance, whatever the circumstances.
2. That everyone with a role in working with or supervising children has a responsibility to safeguard and promote a child's welfare, protecting them from harm and to provide a safe environment in which they can participate.
3. That all suspicions and allegations of poor practice or abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
4. That all staff/members/volunteers/PGA Professionals who work with children will be recruited with regard to their suitability for that responsibility and that they will be provided with appropriate guidance and training to assist them in their role in relation to child protection.
5. That all involved in the golf club should be aware of their role and responsibility with regard to child protection and this should be communicated.
6. That all children and young people have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf at or for the club.

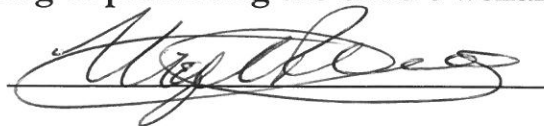
### Principles

**The following principles underpin Abbeydale Golf Club's Child Protection Policy Statement:**

1. All children and young people within Golf, have the right to be protected.
2. All suspicions and allegations will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.
3. All children/young people have the right to be safe and to be treated with dignity and respect.
4. Adults, staff, volunteers, PFA professionals, coaches, referees and members will be supported to understand their role and responsibility with regard to the duty of care and protection of children and young people.
5. Individuals will receive support through education and training to be aware of and understand best practice and how to manage any welfare or child protection issues that may come to light.
6. Individuals will receive access to advice through England Golf, to understand best practice and how to manage welfare or child protection issues that may come to light.

**This policy is underpinned by government guidance and current legislation including the Children Act 1989 which states that anyone who is involved in the care of children should "Do what is reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the child's welfare"**

Signed by:



Golf Manager: NIGEL PERRY

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