



Child Protection, Safeguarding and Expectations

Parents/Guardians, Spectators, Coaches and Players | 2026-2027

Fairford Rugby Football Club (FRFC) is committed to providing a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for every child. This information reflects the RFU Safeguarding Children Policy 2026, the current RFU Safeguarding Handbook and RFU Regulations 15 and 21. Sandra Lewis is the named Club Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding information is available on the FRFC website and on noticeboards where facilities allow.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every concern about a child's welfare or the conduct of an adult or young person must be reported promptly. Failing to pass a safeguarding concern to the RFU, or discouraging someone from reporting, is a breach of RFU Regulation 21.

Expectations of parents and guardians

- **Adult attendance:** A child must not be left at training or a match without a parent/guardian or nominated responsible adult in attendance. If you must leave, agree the arrangement with another adult and tell the coach before going.
- **Registration and information:** Register or renew your child annually through the RFU Game Management System (GMS). Keep emergency contacts, medical details and permissions up to date, and tell the coach about any relevant health condition, allergy, medication, injury or additional need.
- **Arrival and collection:** Bring children to the agreed meeting point and collect them promptly. Tell the coach if another adult will collect your child. A child must not leave the site without the coach or team manager knowing.
- **Kit and safety:** Players must have suitable clothing and correctly fitting protective equipment, including a gum shield where required. Follow the coach's advice about boots, studs, weather protection and any equipment needed for the age group.
- **Behaviour:** Follow the club and RFU codes of conduct. Encourage effort and enjoyment, respect players, coaches, match officials and other spectators, and do not use abusive, threatening, discriminatory or intimidating language or behaviour.
- **Photography and sharing images:** Follow the club's photography and imagery arrangements. Respect any child or family who has not consented, and never take photographs or video in changing rooms or other private areas.

Questions about rugby or player development

Please speak to your child's coach or age-grade lead about coaching, playing time, kit, fixtures or development. Safeguarding concerns should be directed to the Club Safeguarding Lead.

Raising a safeguarding concern

Speak to Sandra Lewis as soon as possible if you are worried about a child, concerned about behaviour at the club or unsure whether something should be reported. The concern must also be submitted using the designated RFU online Safeguarding Referral Form. Do not investigate, confront anyone or promise confidentiality.

Immediate danger: call 999. Once immediate action has been taken, submit the concern through the designated RFU online Safeguarding Referral Form.

Club safeguarding contact

Club Safeguarding Lead / RFU Club Safeguarding Officer: Sandra Lewis 07900635657 Assistant Safeguarding Officer – Louise Little 07399457612

Email: safeguarding@fairfordrfc.co.uk

Website: www.fairfordrfc.co.uk

RFU safeguarding contacts and guidance

RFU 24-hour unmanned child protection line: 0208 831 6655

RFU safeguarding email: safeguarding@rfu.com

[RFU safeguarding information and reporting](#) RFU online Safeguarding Referral Form:
www.englandrugby.com/run/safeguarding/sharing-concerns

[RFU Regulation 15 - Age Grade Rugby \(2026/27\)](#)

[RFU Regulation 21 - Safeguarding](#)

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