



## **MALTBY MAIN JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES**

There has been much discussion around who can take pictures of children (under 18s) participating in sport, particularly concerning what parents/carers are allowed to do. Maltby Main Juniors Football Club (MMJFC) supports The FA's position in encouraging the appropriate and responsible capture of images of children involved in football.

#### **Potential Risks**

The FA has developed this guidance to help avoid the following:

- The inappropriate use, adaptation or copying of images for use on child abuse websites on the internet (often incorrectly referred to as pornography sites).
- The identification of children when a photograph is accompanied by significant personal information that can assist a third party in locating or contacting the child. This has led to instances of grooming.
- The identification and locating of children in inappropriate circumstances including:
  - (i) where a child has been removed from his/her family for their own safety,
  - (ii) where restrictions on contact exist following parental separation (e.g. in domestic violence cases),
  - (iii) in cases where a child is a witness in criminal proceedings,
  - (iv) or other safeguarding concerns.

It's important to remember that the vast majority of images taken are appropriate and taken in good faith. By following a few simple steps, we can help safeguard the children involved in football.

#### **Common Sense Considerations to Ensure Everyone's Safety**

Do:

- Share The FA's guidance on taking images with all parents, carers and members when they join the club.
- Ensure the club has parental consent to use a player's image if it is to be used in the public domain (e.g. club website, social media or local newspaper).

- Ensure that any child at the club who is under care proceedings is protected by not allowing their image to be shared publicly. This can be managed by using a Consent Form to identify if this applies.
- Focus images on the activity rather than the individual.
- Ensure all children featured are appropriately dressed (minimum: vest or shirt and shorts).
- Aim to take pictures which reflect the diverse and inclusive nature of football at MMJFC (e.g. boys and girls, disabled players, players from different ethnic backgrounds).