E-Safety Guidelines

E-Safety encompasses the use of new technologies, internet and electronic communications, publishing and the appropriate use of personal data. It highlights the need to educate children and young people about the benefits and risks of using technology and provides safeguards and awareness for users to enable them to control their online experience.

The Internet is an amazing tool, it opens up so many educational and social opportunities, giving access to, quite literally, a world of information and experiences.

Whilst these technologies provide exciting opportunities, they are accompanied by dangers and negative consequences if abused by users.

Edenbridge CC is keen to promote the safe, and responsible, use of communication and interactive communication technologies within cricket. The following guidelines have been put together to ensure the message of safe and responsible use of communication and interactive technologies is understood and are followed within cricket.

Guidelines

Edenbridge CC has produced a parent's code of conduct which can be found on our website. The policy states that parents are expected to:

"Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of cricket. Treat everyone equally and not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, disability, race, ethnic origin, nationality, colour, parental or martial status, religious belief, class or social background, sexual preference or political belief."

Parents should be aware that posting messages, comments or any other media on a social networking site that breaches the above requirements of a parent at Edenbridge CC will breach Edenbridge CC's Parent Code of Conduct.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to:

- Read and take note of the e-safety policies and encourage their children to adhere to them; and adhere to them themselves, when appropriate
- To discuss e-safety issues with their children and support Edenbridge CC in its e-safety approaches by reinforcing appropriate behaviours at home

- Take responsibility for their own awareness and learning in relation to the opportunities and the risks posed by new and emerging technologies
- Be aware that the police recommend that no children under the age of 13 years use social networking sites and instant messaging services

For further guidance of E-safety have a look at the following websites for some helpful tips:

CBBC Stay Safe is the practical internet safety programme for children. http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

Kidsmart is practical internet safety programme website for schools, young people, parents, and agencies, produced by the children's internet charity Childnet International. There are lesson plans and accompanying resources to help teach KS2 & 3 students about Internet safety. http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/

Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) combines police powers with the expertise of business sectors, government, specialist charities and other interested organisations - all focused on tackling child sex abuse. https://www.ceop.police.uk/

Think U Know is a site with areas for children and young people aged 5 - 7, 8 - 11, and 11 - 16 as well as for parents, carers and professionals. There is information and guidance as well as some games demonstrating chat room use. https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

If you have any concern about the use of social networking sites please report as follows:

- Any concern, report to the Club Welfare Officer.

- Illegal sexual child abuse images should be reported to the Internet Watch Foundation (http://www.iwf.org.uk) and to the police.

- Reports about suspicious behaviour towards children and young people in an online environment should be made to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (www.ceop.police.uk). Law enforcement agencies and the service provider may need to take urgent steps to locate the child and/or remove the content from the internet.

- Where potentially illegal material including sexual abuse or indecent images of children or activity is found or suspected on technology provided by, or to which the Club has access, the evidence should be made secure and preserved. The

police or the IWF can provide further advice on this when a report is made. In the case of reports about suspected illegal material including sexual abuse or indecent images of children held on personally owned devices by members, the report should include where the suspected illegal material can be found e.g. a website address where possible.

- Potentially illegal material, including sexual abuse or indecent images, should not be circulated or distributed within the club. Those involved in making a report should be kept to an absolute minimum.