



West Essex Cricket Club **Transporting Children Policy**



- ❖ All parents/carers are responsible for safe delivery & collection of the child for matches/training
- ❖ All fixtures are provided to parents through the play cricket website & by the **CWO- Colin Baxter**
- ❖ Coaches and club staff will be responsible for children in their care when on the club premises or on arrival at opponents' cricket grounds.
- ❖ It is not the responsibility of the coach or team captain to transport, or arrange to transport, the children to and from the club or match.
- ❖ The club will ensure permission from parents/carers is given for children to participate in all competitions and away fixtures/events (see the player profile form to give consent).
- ❖ For all training & matches parents/carers must report to the head coach or team manager to ensure they are aware their child has been dropped off and to be briefed as to collection time as this may vary.
- ❖ Parents/carers must give the coach written permission (email acceptable) for their child (under 18) to leave the club or a match on their own.

West Essex Cricket will demonstrate its duty of care to the children in its teams.

This policy covers children being taken away from the club's normal base location and/or home ground, and provides guidance to effectively manage children while in the club's care.

This policy also applies to age group teams where one or more players are under the age of 18.

In addition to the details in this section the club will also:

- ❖ Follow ECB recruitment guidelines for team managers/coaches and volunteer appointments
- ❖ Undertake risk assessments of venues and facilities
- ❖ Follow ECB supervision guidance for cricket activities involving children
- ❖ Have an agreed transport policy in place at the club
- ❖ Ensure the team has agreed to act within the appropriate ECB and/or Club Code of Conducts
- ❖ Guidance for managing children away from the club. The Team captain should establish and communicate the following **information to parent(s)**:
 - ❖ Why the trip is planned and what is its reason or purpose
 - ❖ When the trip will take place – date, time of departure and estimated time of return
 - ❖ Where the trip is to, including the destination and venue
 - ❖ Where the meeting points will be, at home and at the away venue
- ❖ Team captains/coaching arrangements, including the name and contact details of the Team captain responsible for the trip
- ❖ All team managers/coaches must go through an induction programme ensuring they understand the ECB "Safe Hands Policy"
- ❖ Ensure there is a 'Club Home Contact'- a member of the club who is not travelling away, who will act as a contact point in an emergency. Ensure the Club Home Contact is provided with the following information to enable them to fulfil their role should they need to.