



# LEAMINGTON CRICKET CLUB

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If a child, for whom Leamington Cricket club has responsibility, goes missing, the following guidelines have been devised to clarify the actions to take:

A nominated adult will be appointed immediately to co-ordinate the search (this could include, the club welfare officer, head coach or senior club official whoever is deemed most appropriate at the time)

- All other children in the care of Leamington Cricket Club at the time will be looked after appropriately while a search is organised for the child concerned
- Notification will be made immediately to the child's parents or careers, if they are present at the event, or an appropriate person will be nominated to telephone them and advise of the concern. Remember the child may contact the parents directly so this action is very important
- All available responsible adults will be organised by areas to be searched. A systematic search will be conducted of all areas
- Nominated adults will be sent immediately to any exits to ensure the child has not left, and to any obvious potential danger spots such as nearby rivers.
- A Search will be conducted in the area in which the child has gone missing including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the club's grounds
- All those searching will report back to a nominated adult at a specific point
- This nominated person should remain at this reference point and make a note of events, including a detailed physical description of the child. This should include approximate height, build, hair and eye colour as well as the clothing the child was wearing and where and when they were last seen. All this will be required by the police. If the search is unsuccessful the nominated person will contact the police
- A report should go to the police no later than 20 minutes after the child's disappearance is noted, even if the search is not complete
- If the police recommend further action before they get involved, follow their guidance



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- If the police act upon the concern, we will be guided by them in any further actions to take.
- At any stage when the child is located all adults involved will be notified including the parents, searchers and the police if, by then, they are involved
- All missing child incidents **MUST BE** notified at the very earliest opportunity to the Club Welfare Officer, who must immediately notify the County Welfare Officer, and they must then notify the ECB Safeguarding Team