



USE OF ALL SOCIAL MEDIA

Here at Charnock Ridgeway we want everyone to be able to access our webpage and participate in our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. We want to clarify the expectations around responsible use which are aligned with the FA guidelines.

We ask you as players, parents and carers to be aware of the following:-

- **FA guidelines on social networking, websites, mobile phones and email communications**
- **Guidance for parents/carers – responsible use of texts, email and social networking sites**
- **Guidance for Clubs and Leagues – responsible use of social networking sites**

All of which can be found on the FA website www.FA.com

As a member of the club you are responsible for and need to abide by the FA rules and regulations regarding comments you place online about the league, club, players or match officials.

It is against Club and FA rules to post comments that are or maybe conceived as offensive, insulting, abusive, threatening, racist and discriminatory or any other reference that may cause offence or harm to others.

Any such comments made on Club or League websites and/ or social networking sites regarding officials may result in disciplinary action being taken in line with the FA's disciplinary policies and procedures.

Comments made on websites that are threatening abusive or racist could lead to legal action being taken against those responsible for posting or hosting them. Comments made may attract libel claims and legal action through the civil court if they are untrue or defamatory.

When posting match reports, for under 8 and below age teams, there should be no information published on line - on the website, Facebook, Twitter or any other social networking sites that reveals the result of these matches to the reader. Any such comments will be removed.

All parents/ carers are advised to familiarise themselves with:

- **The guidance offered by the Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) centre** (<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>)

This site provides guidance for parents/ carers, children and young people. They also provide the most up to date guidance for online environments.

If you have any other concerns you can contact your Club welfare officers

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