

GRANTHAM CRICKET CLUB



MISSING CHILDREN - GUIDELINES

If a child, for whom Grantham Cricket Club has responsibility, goes missing, the club will take action as set out in below, following the ECB guidelines published in June 2013.

If you discover that a child in your care is missing:

- Ensure the other children in your care are looked after appropriately while you organise a search for the child concerned.
- Immediately inform the child's parents, if they are present, or nominate an appropriate person to telephone them. Reassure them you are doing all you can to locate their child.
- Organise all available responsible adults to search the venue. Check the exits to the venue immediately, as well as any obvious potential danger spots such as lakes, rivers and roads. Check public and private areas including toilets and changing rooms, and the Club's grounds.
- Request everyone involved in the search to report back to a **nominated adult**, at a specific point.
- This **nominated person** should remain at the reference point and make a note of events and make a detailed description of the child. This should include approximate height, build, hair and eye colour, and the clothing they were last seen wearing.
- **A report must go to the police no later than 20 minutes after the child is noticed to be missing, even if the search is not yet complete.**
- If the police recommend further action before they get involved, follow their guidance.
- If the police act upon the report immediately, always be guided by them in any further actions to be taken.
- At any stage when the child is located, inform all adults involved, including the parents, searchers and the police, if they are involved by then.

The Club Welfare Officer MUST be notified at the very earliest opportunity. The CWO will notify the County Welfare Officer immediately, who must then notify the ECB Safeguarding Team.

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