Social Media

If you suspect that someone is using social media in an unsafe or inappropriate manner, you should report their behaviour to ECRC's Welfare Officer, the County Welfare Officer, or the ECB Safeguarding team.

If you believe that an offence has been committed, or that someone's use of social media is placing a child is at risk of harm, inform the police immediately.

Guidance for ECRC Coaches and Managers
Although younger players may see you as a friend, and may request to be your 'friend' on a social media site, you should direct them to ECRC's official pages and keep all contact professional. What they might consider innocent, friendly contact may not be seen as such by their parents, people at the club and others. You should also adjust the privacy settings for your personal account so that content is only visible to accepted 'friends'. This will keep younger players safe from material that may be unsuitable for them, and will reduce the risk of your online interactions from being viewed with suspicion.

Guidance for Official ECRC Social Media Managers
It is important to be mindful of any content you post online via the cricket-club related page. You are representing the club and communications should conform to 'Safe Hands' policy and guidance. No posts should cause personal distress or be seen as inappropriate for children. You should have consent before posting any personal information online, including photographs where an individual can be identified. Remember the picture/no name guidance for under 18s.

Guidance for Coaches/Managers Contacting Junior Players via Text or Email
ECRC will make arrangements for U18's via their named parent/guardian.

We understand that in the case of over 16's this may not be ideal for yourself or the parents. An acceptable exception to this rule is to get consent from the child's parent/guardian to contact the child directly. All contact with children should be in relation to coaching, matches and cricket-related activity.

Guidance for ECRC Junior Players
The internet is a great place to learn and to have fun with your friends, and the best way to have fun is to make sure that you stay safe. If someone is sending you messages or texts that you are worried about, you should tell your parents, an adult you trust, your teacher or your club's welfare officer.

- Keep your photos and personal information private.
- Conduct yourself in a respectful and courteous manner on social media as you would at home, in school or at cricket.
- Tell a professional or an adult that you trust if you are worried or concerned about online behaviour or unwanted contact/ communication.
- Do not send inappropriate text messages or post messages on social media that are offensive, nasty or derogatory in any way.
- Do not accept any friend requests from people you don't know or you feel uncomfortable accepting.