

BEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB



Founded in 1863

Missing Children Guidelines

If a child, for whom your Beddington CC has responsibility, goes missing, the club will follow the guidelines:

As a club, we will :

1. Ensure other children in our care are looked after appropriately while we organise a search for the child concerned
2. Inform the child's parents, if they are present at the event, or nominate an appropriate person to telephone them and advise of the concern. We will do this at the earliest opportunity as the missing child may contact the parents directly
3. Organise all available responsible adults by areas to be searched. We will take a short time to organise the search properly so that all places are searched fully
4. Send searchers immediately to any exits to the venue to ensure the child has not left, and to any obvious potential danger spots such as nearby lakes or rivers.
5. Search the area in which the child has gone missing including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the club's grounds
6. Request all those searching to report back to a nominated adult at a specific point
7. Nominate a person to be the main point of contact, 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 we will contact the police
8. 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
9. If the police recommend further action before they get involved, we will follow their guidance

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