

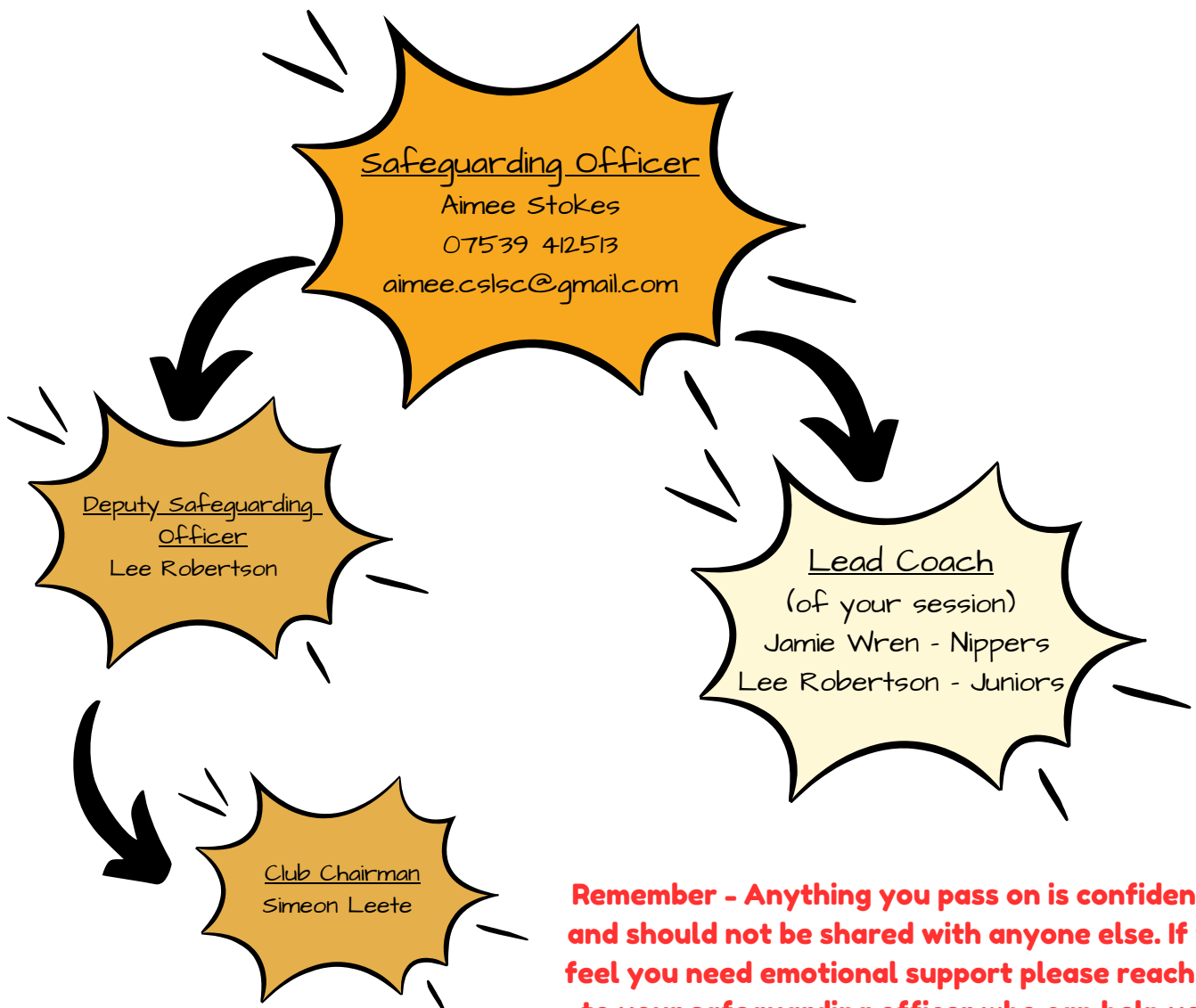


Safeguarding who to talk to..

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and it is important that you are able to recognise and correctly record any concerns you have.

Remember this is not just physical signs of abuse but also includes behaviour from coaches/volunteers which seems unprofessional, and any bullying (this could be adults or children). For full details please read your safeguarding guidance PDF, .

Below is our club chart which shows who you should go to first, however, if that person is not available or you are uncomfortable sharing with them you can use the chart to find the next suitable person.



Remember - Anything you pass on is confidential and should not be shared with anyone else. If you feel you need emotional support please reach out to your safeguarding officer who can help you.

Safeguarding Frequently Not Asked Questions

The most important things to remember are that there are no silly questions and if you have a gut feeling always talk to someone about it.

Q: "A child that is not my own has given me a hug during the session, am I going to be in trouble?"

A: No, you were not alone and you did not initiate the hug. Make sure you mention it to your coach or safeguarding officer before the end of the session.

Q: "I have noticed something that I think I should report but I don't want my friend to find out and fall out with me. It is probably nothing anyway"

A: You should always share any concerns you have regardless of how well you may know the people involved. We adhere to a strict confidentiality policy and would never share details or names unless it was necessary. In most cases concerns are logged and not acted upon unless a child was deemed at risk.

Q: "Some children are calling another child unkind names during our session what should I do?"

A: Speak to the children involved at the time of the incident and let your coach know after the session so they can keep a record. If you are not sure about the clubs behaviour expectations please have a look at our policy or speak to your coach.

Q: "My friend has forgotten to collect their child, can I take them home?"

A: The coach will need to give the parent a call before they can leave to confirm the arrangements. Parents are asked to let the coach know if they will not be collecting their own child, if they haven't we have to speak to them before we can let them leave with someone else.

Q: "A session has finished and I need to help my own child get changed, can I go into the changing rooms?"

A: You must not go into a communal changing room, even to help your own child when acting as a volunteer or coach. Always remember to keep yourself visible to other adults. If you need to help your own child use a single change room and let other adults know what you are doing.