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Dear Parent/Carer

As the parent or carer of a young person participating in football I am sure you, like us, are very concerned by the allegations of past sexual abuse in the sport. The victims and survivors have been extremely brave to come forward and have our sympathy and support.

Given the volume of media coverage these disturbing stories understandably continue to generate, it is important that you are made aware of the standards and provisions we have in place to keep your children safe.

We believe that all activities for children and young people should be safe and welcoming and we work hard to ensure that our safeguarding provisions are of the highest standards.

For many years, the CPFC Foundation has had trained Safeguarding Officers, constantly striving to educate and implement best practice in all areas of safeguarding. We have policies including reporting structures and confidential whistleblowing advice that align with the parent football club's policies and are fully supported by the club's Board.

All Foundation coaches and staff have been checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to an enhanced level. They also undertake the FA Safeguarding training which must be renewed through refresher training every 3 years. If any certificates are not valid or out of date then they can no longer work with the Foundation until they have been renewed. Our coaches also receive internal Safeguarding training through the Club's Head of Safeguarding who also sits on the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board.

Should you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding please report this to any member of staff. Any reports of concern will be treated in the strictest confidence and fully investigated by the Head of Safeguarding. CPFC Foundation will fully cooperate with all statutory organisations should there be a need to further refer the matters, to ensure the correct level of support and protection can be afforded to any vulnerable individual.

Alternatively, you can contact the Foundation's Safeguarding Lead Soye Briggs or the CPFC Head of Safeguarding Marcus Puddephatt directly.

The Football Association has commissioned a dedicated helpline resourced by the NSPCC (please see below for useful contacts).

I hope this will alleviate your concerns but please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support for Crystal Palace FC and the CPFC Foundation.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Summers'.

Mike Summers
CEO
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Safeguarding contact details:

- FA/NSPCC 0800 023 2642
- NSPCC 0808 800 500
- Childline 0800 1111
- CPFC Head of Safeguarding:
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