



## **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY**

It is the intention of the Club that children are cared for in a secure environment.

Occasionally, family relationships determine that parental responsibility may lie with one parent or indeed, an appointed guardian.

The Club accepts the need for sensitivity, especially where children are concerned.

To ensure the Club is acting in the best interests of the family and more importantly, the needs of the child, children will only be allowed to leave the Club with persons named on the most current registration form.

However, should a situation arise whereby one person named requests that the child may not leave the Club with the other person, this must be agreed in writing and signed by BOTH parties – at this time a new registration form must be completed.

Similarly, the above applies to anyone with parental rights for the child, such as foster carer or appointed guardian.

Where a Court Order is in place giving specific access rights to the child, the Club must be in receipt of a certified copy of the Order, and be kept updated where the situation is subject to change.

Where necessary, the Club will invite interested parties to discuss the situation with the manager: alternatively, where the Club finds itself in a situation which cannot be resolved, guidance will be sought from The MASH team – 01904 551900.

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Signed

(Club Manager)