## 4. SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Doncaster R.F.C acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children involved from harm. We adhere to the RFU safeguarding policy and the procedures, practices and guidelines and endorse and adopt the policy statement contained in that document and or any successor policy.

The Key Principles of the RFU Safeguarding Policy are that:

The welfare of the child is, and must always be, paramount to any other considerations. All allegations or suspicions of abuse, neglect harm and poor practice will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly, fairly, and appropriately. Working in partnership with other organisations, statutory agencies, parents, carers, children, and young people is essential for the welfare of children. Children have the right to expect support, and personal and social development delivered by an appropriately vetted and managed in relation to their participation in rugby union, whether they are playing volunteering or officiating in the community or professional areas of the sport. Doncaster RFC recognises that all children have the right to participate in sport in a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment whilst at the same time being protected from abuse, neglect harm and poor practice.