

## Safer Internet Day 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012



Dear Welfare Officer

Safer Internet Day is an annual event which is being held on the **7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. This year the day will be centred on the theme **Connecting generations and educating each other**, with the slogan: **"Discover the digital world together... safely!"**

We would encourage you to use Safer Internet Day 2012 as an opportunity to raise awareness within your club/league of internet safety and to promote The FA's best practice guidance on the use of **Social Networking, Websites and Email Communications** which can be found by following this link [www.thefa.com/TheFA/WhatWeDo/FootballSafe/Downloads](http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/WhatWeDo/FootballSafe/Downloads)

You might want to access the following websites for further information on Safer Internet Day, promoting internet safety within your league/club and how to report abuse:

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day) - Information on Safer Internet Day 2012.

[www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) – CEOP the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection** centre provides advice and support if you have concerns about someone using the internet to contact or abuse children, off or online.

[www.cybermentors.org.uk](http://www.cybermentors.org.uk) - For bullying issues, children/young people can go online and talk to other trained young people to get help and support.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) - Information for children/young people, parents, and carers. It is interactive and accessible for children and young people and helps them understand how to stay safe on line and when using mobiles.

### **Social Media Awareness Sessions for Welfare officers**

Over the past 6 months Lancashire FA has rolled out a number of **Social media, Benefits Risks & best Practice** awareness sessions across the county for CWOs. If you have yet to attend one of these events we would encourage you to do so. **The next workshop is planned for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and will be held at Lancashire FA 1830hrs - 2030hrs.**

For further guidance on best practice in the use of social media within football, to register interest in attending a social media awareness event or for advice and support with concerns please contact Neil Yates or Chris Doherty County FA Welfare Officers, Lancashire FA Tel. 01772 624000 or Email [CountyWO@LancashireFA.com](mailto:CountyWO@LancashireFA.com)

Best Wishes  
Neil and Chris