

Under 18 players to 1st team policy

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Crewe Alexandra Football Club recognise that under 18 players may be selected to train, travel and player with the first team.

The club see this as a major part of their football development and understand that a minor is going into the senior football environment.

In order to maintain a safe environment, the following protocols will be put into action.

- 1) The parents/Guardians of these players must sign the consent form to allow permission for their son to take part with the first team.
- 2) If this form is not signed the player will not be allowed to take part in any first team activities.
- 3) The Designated Safeguarding Officer will inform the first team manager of any player not having permission from their parent/guardian to participate

- 4) The under 18 players if selected to participate in first team activities will not use the same dressing room as the senior players.
- 5) While with the first team the player will be under the supervision of the first team staff.
- 6) After, the player will return to environment he has come from (Scholar)
- 7) If selected to travel with the first team the player will only be allowed on the team coach when accompanied by a member of staff.
- 8) He will be supervised at the pre- match meal by a member of staff.
- 9) Any overnight stays he will be given a single room situated by a member of staff in case of emergencies. (he will not share with a staff member or senior player)
The opposition will be contacted by the DSO to arrange separate dressing room facilities.
If no facilities are available the DSO will arrange with the first team staff that the player will change, leave the room until the senior players have changed and then go back to the room for team meetings.
- 10) After the game the player will only shower and change after the senior players have vacated the dressing room, a member of staff will stand as a chaperone outside the dressing room.
- 11) Same protocols will apply for games at the Mornflake Stadium (main ground)
- 12) All staff with the first team are responsible for the player and will be DBS checked and FA safeguarding training completed .

Any concerns or incidents (Low, medium or high level) must be reported to the DSO immediately