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Anti-Bullying Statement

What is bullying?

Bullying is hurtful behaviour, often repeated over a long period of time, which causes pain and distress. It can include physical, sexual, emotional or discriminatory abuse.

With the advancement of technology bullying now frequently takes place online through social media and mobile phones. This means that bullying can happen all the time. Bullying occurs in many different forms, with varying levels of severity. It may involve:

- Physical Bullying poking, pushing, hitting, kicking, beating-up
- Verbal Bullying yelling, taunting, name-calling, insulting, threatening to harm
- Relational Bullying involves damaging someone' relationships or social status e.g. excluding someone or spreading rumours
- Cyber Bullying sending hurtful messages or images over the internet or mobile phones

Leatherhead Tennis Club (LTC) is committed to ensuring that bullying does not happen at LTC

We strive to ensure that all children, young people and adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse and have an enjoyable tennis experience. Everyone who is involved in tennis has a shared responsibility to support this.

What should you do if you are being bullied yourself or you see someone else being bullied?

If you have any concerns about bullying please get in touch with LTC Welfare Officer Diane Ashley. You can be assured that your concerns will be treated sensitively, confidentially and in a non-judgemental manner. The Welfare Officer is there to ensure that LTC is a positive and inclusive environment for all.

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For more information about Leatherhead Tennis Club Safeguarding policies and procedures please visit:

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