



## Anchorians Football Club

### SEND Commitment Statement

Anchorians Football Club is committed to providing an inclusive, safe and welcoming football environment for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

We recognise our responsibility to promote equality of opportunity, remove barriers to participation and ensure that all players are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Our approach reflects the principles of inclusion, safeguarding and welfare promoted within grassroots football.

#### Inclusive Participation

Anchorians FC is committed to ensuring football is accessible to all, regardless of ability or need. We aim to provide a positive, supportive and player-centred environment where children are encouraged to participate at a level and pace appropriate to their individual needs. Our sessions promote enjoyment, confidence, social interaction and personal development.

#### Coaching, Delivery & Reasonable Adjustments

The club promotes inclusive coaching practices and, where appropriate, will make reasonable adjustments to activities, rules, equipment or session structure. Coaches and volunteers are expected to communicate clearly, show patience and understanding, and focus on effort, enjoyment and development rather than performance alone.

#### Safeguarding & Welfare

The welfare of children and young people is paramount. Anchorians FC operates in line with safeguarding policies and procedures, ensuring that concerns relating to welfare, inclusion or behaviour are taken seriously. All personal, medical and additional needs information is handled sensitively and confidentially.

#### Working in Partnership

Anchorians FC recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents, carers and relevant professionals. Open and honest communication is encouraged to ensure that individual needs are understood and appropriate support is provided.

#### Equality & Non-Discrimination

The club is committed to promoting equality, preventing discrimination and ensuring that bullying or exclusion of any kind is not tolerated. All participants, volunteers and officials are expected to uphold these principles.

#### Statement of Commitment

Anchorians Football Club is proud to champion inclusion and is committed to ensuring that children and young people with SEND have equal opportunities to participate in football,

develop skills, build friendships and feel part of the club in a safe and supportive environment.

This statement will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains effective and aligned with best practice and governing-body guidance.