



ADVICE FOR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS

1. Is the person who they say they are? Check ID, for example Driving Licence or Passport.
2. Does the Coach hold a relevant qualification? They should hold one or more of the following:-
 - Level 1 Certificate In Coaching Football
 - Level 2 Certificate In Coaching Football
 - Level 3 Coaching Licence
 - Level 4 Advanced Coaching Licence

Ask to see their Certificate.

3. Do they have a Child Protection Certificate? Ask to see their Certificate.
4. Are all the Coaches members of The Football Association Coaches Association (FACA)? Ask to see their current Membership Card.
5. If they are not members of FACA do they hold Public Liability Insurance? Ask to see proof.
6. Have all the Coaches been police cleared (CRB checked)? Ask to see their Certificate.
7. What is the ratio of player to coach? The FA recommends no more than a ratio of 1-16.
8. If the agency plans to use more than one coach, have the additional staff got the above?
9. Will registers be taken at the start of the session and also at the end of the session when parents collect their children?
10. Can they provide Session Plans to demonstrate what your child will learn by attending one of their courses?
11. Please ensure that your child has a safe, fun environment.

Please remember that some of these agencies are only interested in making money and will try almost anything to get your child/children on their course. Any credible football-coaching scheme will put the safety and enjoyment of the children first. Also any legitimate coach will quite easily be able to produce all of the above. In fact anyone that is offering football as an activity should have a portfolio which will include the above information.