



Crewe Alexandra Football Club
Emerging Talent Centre

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The emerging talent programme has been developed by Crewe Alexandra Football Club and sanctioned by the Crewe Alexandra Football Club Safeguarding Steering Group Meeting to run alongside grassroots football to assist in player assessment and recruitment for the club elite groups and to gain a closer partnership with grassroot players and teams.

To give the opportunity of players in the grassroot system the club looks to provide the following.

- 1) Coaching days at Reaseheath for specific age groups.
- 2) Tournaments and festivals.
- 3) Goalkeeping events.

The staff working, scouting and coaching in this centre will be processed through the safe recruitment policy held by the club.

All staff will apply through application forms, provide two references, be DBS checked and complete the FA Safeguarding children course.

Player recruitment will have control of this centre but must follow the policies set by the academy and must inform the parents of the policies (These policies can be found on the club website)

The lead person must report all concerns being low, medium or high to the Designated Safeguarding Officer of the academy as soon as possible by "My concern".

- 1) All scouts will follow the club scouting code of conduct when approaching parents and club managers.
- 2) Scout will assess if the player is invited to emerging talent centre (ETC) or be signed on a YD8 trial form.
- 3) Player invited to the ETC will be invited in for an eight-week period.
- 4) Players will not be registered with Crewe Alexandra Football Club but parents must sign a consent form before taking part in the centre.
- 5) At the end of eight weeks players will be informed if they have an extension, release, or move onto a YD8 form.
- 6) Players will not wear Crewe Alexandra Football Club playing or training kit.

This centre will give more opportunity for grassroots players to be involved in academy based football development.