MMYFC – MISSING CHILD POLICY

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This is the MMYFC Missing Child Policy for Mini World Cup. Key participants are Age Co-ordinators and Child Welfare co-ordinator.

* Designate a number of Missing Child Volunteers. Explain their responsibilities and role. Provide high viz vest. Provide information on the Child Welfare Co-ordinator and give name and contact details. The volunteers will be Garda vetted (age co-ordinators)
* Provide instructions to the DJ at the event of the missing child procedure to ensure cooperation in the event. This is specifically for Saturday and Sunday
* If a child is reported missing, report to Child Welfare Co-Ordinator immediately to circulate to age co-ordinators. This is done as priority over other sporting needs. The communication will include available details on description.
* The missing children volunteers (age co-ordinators) will take up positions at the exits, there are 8 in deerpark.
* If the child’s location cannot be established and/or the parents/carers are not available and reasonable efforts have been made to contact them the matter should be reported to the Gardaí by **Child Welfare Co-ordinator** (Dundrum 01 6665600)
	+ if the child cannot be found after a good search of the immediate surroundings, contact the child’s parents to advise them of the concern and reassure them that everything is being done to locate the child
* **It is recommended that Gardaí are contacted within 30 minutes if the child cannot be located**
* ensure that all other children continue to be supervised appropriately while a search for the child concerned is carried out
* make a note of the circumstances in which the child has gone missing and where he/she was last seen and prepare a detailed physical description of the child, to include their hair and eye colour, approximate height and build and clothing he/she was wearing, as this will be required by the police
* follow Gardaí guidance if further action is recommended and maintain close contact with the Gardaí
* ensure that you inform all adults involved including the parents, searchers and Gardaí if at any stage the child is located. Use the DJ and mobiles to do this.