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## Cookie Policy

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### 1. Introduction and Consent

This policy explains how THE 'FORD Community Centre uses cookies on our website and how you can manage your preferences. Under the UK Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) and UK GDPR, we must obtain your explicit consent before setting any non-essential cookies on your device.

### 2. What are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device when you visit a website. They help the site remember your settings and provide us with information on how the site is being used. We use two categories of cookies:

- **Strictly Necessary (Essential):** These are vital for the website to function (e.g., security, page navigation, or remembering your privacy choices). These are set automatically and cannot be switched off.
- **Non-Essential (Analytical/Marketing):** These help us understand how many people visit us or allow social media feeds to display. These are disabled by default and only become active if you click "Accept."

### 3. Cookies We Use

Type of Cookie	Purpose	Lawful Basis	Duration
Strictly Necessary	Enables core functionality such as security, network management, and accessibility.	Legitimate Interest	Session / Permanent
Analytics (e.g., Google Analytics)	Provides anonymous data on site traffic and popular pages to help us improve our services. <i>Specifically, we use Google Analytics to monitor site performance. This data is aggregated and anonymous, meaning it does not identify you as an individual.</i>	Consent	Up to 2 years
Third-Party	Facilitates embedded content like our Facebook feed, YouTube videos, or Google Maps.	Consent	Determined by the provider

### 4. Your Control and the "Compliance Gap"

To ensure we follow UK law, our website operates under the following strict transparency rules:

- **Opt-In Only:** No tracking or analytics cookies will be deployed unless you actively click "Accept" on our cookie banner.
- **Managing Preferences:** You have the right to change your mind. You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by clicking the 'Cookie Settings' link located in the website footer.
- **Impact of Rejecting:** If you choose to "Reject All" or decline non-essential cookies, you can still use the site. However, some interactive features (like maps or embedded video feeds) may not function correctly.

### 5. Managing Your Browser Settings

In addition to our on-site settings, most web browsers allow you to block or delete cookies entirely via the browser's settings menu. To learn more about managing cookies on your specific device, visit [www.allaboutcookies.org](http://www.allaboutcookies.org).

## 6. Your Privacy and Data Protection

Cookies used by THE 'FORD do not give us access to your computer or any personal information beyond the data you choose to share with us. Any personal data collected is handled in strict accordance with our Privacy and GDPR Policy, which outlines how we process, store, and secure your information.

## 7. Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding this Cookie Policy or our privacy practices, please contact us:

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