

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome parents and carers to attend school football fixtures and support our children as they represent the school. These matches provide valuable opportunities for children to develop their skills, teamwork, confidence and sportsmanship.

Following a reminder from the School Games Organiser, we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the expectations regarding behaviour and safeguarding during school football matches to ensure that every child has a safe, positive and enjoyable experience.

Spectator Behaviour

We ask that all parents and spectators demonstrate positive and respectful behaviour at all times.

We expect all spectators to:

- Encourage and support all children positively, regardless of the team they represent.
- Respect referees, match officials, school staff, coaches and other spectators.
- Allow children to enjoy playing without unnecessary pressure or criticism.
- Set a positive example of good sportsmanship and respectful behaviour.
- Respect decisions made by school staff before, during and after fixtures.

Shouting at players, criticising or challenging referees, or behaving in a way that causes intimidation or unnecessary pressure is unacceptable. School staff have a responsibility to address any inappropriate behaviour and ensure that the touchline remains a positive and supportive environment for everyone.

We also ask that parents and carers respect decisions made by school staff, recognising that these may be made for a variety of reasons which cannot always be shared. The safety, wellbeing and safeguarding of all children will always take priority.

We value having parents and carers attend fixtures to support the children and would very much like this to continue. However, it is important that everyone follows these expectations to ensure a safe and positive environment for all.

Recording Devices and Safeguarding

To protect the privacy and safety of all children, parents and spectators must not film or record school football matches using mobile phones, cameras or any other recording devices.

School staff will communicate this expectation before fixtures and will intervene if anyone attempts to record a match. Any concerns or breaches will be addressed promptly in accordance with the school's safeguarding procedures and relevant league guidance.

We appreciate your support in helping us promote respect, fairness and good sportsmanship. By working together, we can ensure that our children enjoy representing their school and develop a lifelong enjoyment of sport.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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