**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS / SPECTATORS**

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Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children’s enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game - its fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your Club it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

* Children enjoying football.
* A sense of personal achievement.
* Self-esteem.
* Assist to improve the child’s skills and techniques.

**Parents / Spectator’s expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child’s attitude towards:**

* Other players.
* Officials.
* Managers.
* Spectators.

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Encourage Parents / Spectators to:

* Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
* Not to shout and scream.
* Respect the Referee’s decision.
* Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
* Give encouragement to participate in football.

**Ensure that Parents / Spectators within your Club agree and adhere to your Club’s Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.**

**What we expect Parents / Carers to do:**

* + Make sure their child has all the necessary equipment required, including arriving in the full kit provided on match days
	+ Arrive at the venue no less than 30 minutes before the designated kick off time.
	+ Let your Manager know seven days in advance when your child is unavailable to

attend matches or training sessions.

* + Complete the Player Information form including informing the Club of any ailment

or medical conditions that your child may have.

* Training sessions will be held over a 10 month period on various types of pitch conditions and weather conditions; suitable clothing and footwear will be required. Shin pads must be worn at all times.
* Listen and take onboard the Managers and Coaching staffs advice and directions during training and matches.
* Pay all fines accrued by your child within the timescale set by the local Football Association.
* Help in setting up and taking down equipment before and after matches including clearing away any mess from the pitch side and changing rooms.
* On occasions run the line (not knowing the off-side rule is not an acceptable excuse)