

Ellenbrook Primary School

Draft Football Policy

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Philosophy



The ethos of our school is that every child succeeds. Personal success in football can come in many forms - scoring a goal, making a great pass, getting better at tackling or, for some children, just being selected to represent the school is a huge success in its own right. The children will be taught to recognise and value every one of their achievements.

It is an honour and a privilege to represent the school and they will always strive to set the best example to their peers. Squad members are held in high esteem by the younger children so they will have to show exemplary behaviour and attitude on and off the pitch. Should a child's behaviour not meet this standard, the school may choose to remove the privilege for a period. **Everyone involved in Ellenbrook Football will be asked to sign up, and adhere to, the F.A Codes of Conduct.** <http://www.thefa.com/my-football/football-volunteers/helpforparents/respect/codes%20of%20conduct>

Squad

The 'squad' of 12 children will be selected at a 'try out' evening that will be arranged at the beginning of the school year. Players of various abilities will be included in the training squad and all squad members will have the opportunity to represent the school.

The primary aim of the training squad is player development. There is a 'match standard' level that, in the coach's opinion, is necessary for a squad member to fully participate in the inter-school league match programme.

The coach is tasked with assessing each players abilities and getting to know their personalities. Following which he/she will establish a programme of development to improve all the squad members' technique, game understanding and fitness levels.

Inter-school league matches

Ordinarily the coach will select ten players for each match from this training squad. This will be a thoughtful selection, based on the coach's experience with junior footballers. He/She will assess the demands of the match and pick a team accordingly. Selection will differ from week to week, so there will be times when your child is not selected. The coach will always try to balance the player's disappointment with the frustration/ embarrassment children suffer by seeing the game played around them if the level of opposition is too high for their abilities. **Coaches will always place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning. Parents and players must support the coach's decision.** He/she will always take time to explain to the children (and parents at the end of training) why they have not been chosen. **Parents wishing an explanation will approach the**

coach at an appropriate time and away from the children. There should be no spectators at training sessions.

Other fixtures

At the end of the season, there will also be a number of year 6 only and year 5 only cup matches. (Selection and training sessions may be held for Y5 only matches.)

The whole squad is welcome to watch and there will always be a place for them on the coach for away matches.

It is impossible to give parents a match calendar, quite often fixtures are only finalised on the Monday of Match week. However, we will always strive to give you as much advance notice as possible.

Match and training sessions may sometimes be called off. So, please check regularly for school emails etc –hopefully we will soon be posting match information on the blog.

Kits will be handed out before the match and must be returned as soon as possible.

Please come along to as many matches as you can and support our team, as always, you are more than welcome.

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Please sign below, to acknowledge that you have read and understood Ellenbrook Primary School’s Football Policy

Signed..... Parent/ Guardian of