

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS / SPECTATORS

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 – it is fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football at Kings Meadow it is important to reinforce the message that positive encouragement will contribute to:

Children's enjoyment of football.

A sense of personal achievement.

Self esteem.

Improve the child's skills and techniques.

A parents/Spectators expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards: Other Players, Officials and Managers.

Spectators:

Please ensure that you are always positive and encouraging towards all the children, not just your own. Parents/Spectators should:

Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.

Avoid coaching a child during the game.

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.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Kings Meadow is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. **Winning isn't everything.**

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers **at all times.**

I will:

* **Remember that children play for FUN**

* Applaud effort and good play as well as success

* **Always respect the match officials' decisions**

* Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)

* **Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do**

* Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials

* **Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning**

* Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.