



St. Mary's Football Club

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### **Code of Conduct for Parents/ Spectators**

Ensure that parents/ spectators within the club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

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 the 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.

A parent's/ 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.
- Avoid coaching the 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.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Ensure that parents/ spectators within the club agree and adhere to the club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.