



# Parent and family Code of Conduct 2025/26 Season

Adults have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. They have a responsibility to offer positive encouragement to all players. Children improve and develop much faster when praised. As part of our FA Charter Standard accreditation, we follow the FA's "We only do positive" approach and expect this to extend to our adults and families.

We also ask that whenever possible you follow the expected behaviours listed below:

1. Demonstrates the club values of Pride, Respect, Teamwork at all times.
2. Ensure your child/player arrives punctually for training and matches and is collected on time.
3. Stand well back from the playing area during training and behind the respect line at matches.
4. Refrain from putting undue pressure on your child or any other child, especially during matches.
5. Positively encourage all players at all times.
6. Any concerns you may have with the running of your child/player's team or the way your child is treated should be discussed in private with the Team Coach, your Head of Year or the Club Safeguarding Officer.
7. Inform the coach if there has been a change in your child's medical condition.
8. Refrain from making and offensive or unacceptable comments to any player, official or supporter.
9. Ensure that suitable clothing, shin pads, footwear is worn by your child/player during matches and at training.
10. Please try to give as much notice as possible if your child/player is unavailable for a match.
11. Please reply to all requests for a response from your coach as quickly as possible.
12. Please inform the Club Secretary of any change in contact details.
13. Only the coaching staff are allowed to give instructions to players both in training sessions and at matches.
14. Parents/Carers will not enter the field of play at any time. The Club recognises parents/carers may be concerned if a player is injured but while the player remains on the pitch only the Coach may attend the player when instructed to by the Referee.
15. All Club registrations must be completed and Club subscriptions/fees paid on time. (see Terms of Membership Document).

**The Club will take the following action for parents/carers who do not abide by this Code of Conduct:**

- First offence the parent/carer will be verbally warned.
- Second offence the parent/carer will be suspended from attending club activity for a period decided by Club Disciplinary Committee.
- Third offence the parent/carer will be permanently excluded from attending club activities..

The Disciplinary Committee retains the right to move directly to second or third stage if the incident is so serious this action is necessary. Anyone sanctioned under this code has the right to appeal to the General Committee with the appeal being heard by other members of the Committee.

Should any action be deemed to be of significant severity the club will escalate their concerns to the appropriate authorities.

**This Code of Conduct is not designed to restrict anyone's freedom, but to set the standards of behaviour expected to ensure everyone enjoys their football at WGCYFC**



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