



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's 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.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

Parents should recognise that neither the club's executive committee nor any club officials are *in loco parentis* during training sessions or matches, either home or away. Parents must be in attendance or must make arrangements for their child to be superintended at all times. In particular the club cannot be responsible for taking children to away matches or returning them home

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators

Parents / spectators within the Club should be always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Ashwell Academicals parents / spectators are encouraged :

- To applaud the opposition as well as our own teams.
- To avoid coaching children during the game.
- To avoid shouting and screaming.
- To respect the referee's decision

We pledge to give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.

We will ensure that parents / spectators within the Club agree and adhere to the Club Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.