

A Message to my Parents

Thank you for coming to support me today. As my friends and I play, I want you to remember a few things.

- I am here to have fun. Please encourage me and all of the other players, no matter what team we play for.
- You are here representing me - please don't embarrass me by being negative, shouting or swearing.
- Please don't stand too close to the pitch as this can distract me from my game and I can't concentrate properly.
- Please don't question the referee's decision - our coaches will give us help if we need it.
- Please don't coach me from the side, my coach is here to teach me and too many instructions confuse me.
- I think doing my best and learning to play is more important than winning. Please don't ask me the score or talk about winning, ask me if I had fun instead.
- Praise me for good skills, discipline, sportsmanship and effort. These are the things that make me a real winner.
- Don't criticise my mistakes, I will be scared to try things again. Mistakes will make me better because I can learn from them.
- Please challenge spectators who behave in the wrong way. Tell them that children do not like negative behaviour.
- All adults should make sure our football matches are fun and enjoyable, after all, we are children and we want to enjoy playing football.

I hope to make you proud of me.