



Bishop Auckland St Mary's Juniors FC Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators 2016/17

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 a good a child becomes at football within the club, we must reinforce the message that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football, regardless of their ability
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self-esteem
- Improving the child's skills and techniques

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

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers & other team officials
- Spectators

We request that all parents/spectators within the club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children, from both sides, and not just your own. If you agree, and agree to abide by, to the following points, please sign the code and return it to the club immediately. Please note that by signing the code, you are responsible and have signed on behalf of all those that come to watch your child specifically. By signing you are also indicating that you agree with the Club's Child Protection Policy (a copy of which can be made available to you by contacting your club officials).

Parents/spectators should:

1. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
2. Avoid 'coaching' any child during the game
3. Not shout and scream
4. Respect the officials decision, and the decisions of the team officials
5. Give attention to each of the children involved in football, and not just the most talented
6. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football

Signature of Parent/spectator:

Team:

Print Name:

Date: