

**Chairman's Welcome to the  
New Season 2017/18**



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Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club



## A Message from the Chairman

Dear Player and Parents/Guardians

### Who are Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club

Coxheath & Farleigh Junior Football Club (CFJFC) is a grass-roots, community-focused, FA Charter Standard Club, providing football coaching for children in Coxheath and the surrounding areas. The club currently has a large number of registered players, with ages ranging from 4 to 13 years of age (Under 8's to Under 14's). As a club, the health, safety and welfare of every child that participates in football at **CFJFC** are our first and most important priority. This is closely followed by our commitment to providing a happy and inclusive environment for children to learn and develop their football skills under the tutelage of experienced coaches, who are FA qualified and have the appropriate DBS Child Safety Checks, Safeguarding Children and Emergency Aid Qualifications.

### Our Commitment

It is an absolute commitment of the club that no child is ever excluded from playing football for reasons of gender, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion, sexual orientation or perceived ability as a footballer. **We strongly believe that football is a game to be played and enjoyed by everyone**, and our success is measured not by the trophies we win, but by the number of children who choose to play for and remain at **CFJFC** throughout their childhood, although from the child's perspective this often relates around the success of the club, this is notwithstanding children whose natural progression may take them to higher levels of the game. Players who fall into this category can expect the full support and freedom from the club to pursue their ambitions, safe in the knowledge that they will be welcomed back at **CFJFC** should they wish to return. Our commitment and club status has recently been proven during the close season with the number of children from high standards of teams who have subsequently joined the club, and the development of The Rising Stars on a Saturday morning for the stars of the future.

### Our Ethos

To deliver this, it is important that the **CFJFC** has a strong, distinctive ethos that is shared and adhered to by its coaches, its volunteers, its players and the player's parents or carers.

This ethos can be summarized as follows:

The health, safety and welfare of every child that participates in football at CFJFC is our first and most important priority.

We are committed to providing a happy and inclusive environment for children to learn and develop their football skills.

We commit to ensuring that every child will get the best level of coaching we are able to provide and the coaches can possibly offer that is applicable to their ability, based on our coach's assessment of the development needs of the child.

Children must accept that they will be asked to play in different areas of the pitch in order to maximize their learning experience, be part of a team as it's not all about individuals, football is a squad/team game.

**Football is a game that children want to 'play'.** We want all players to have touches of the ball and have the freedom to explore, express themselves and be creative. It is vital that children are allowed to enjoy their football and not be negatively criticized for mistakes. Coaches and parents must see mistakes as learning opportunities. Children by their very nature can be inconsistent and random in their actions, so it should not be a surprise when mistakes are made, particularly when learning new skills.

The clubs codes of conduct for officials, coaches, players and parents are not negotiable. They underpin everything we do, and criticism will not be tolerated, from any sphere even parents.

Winning games is a product of good development. Good development isn't always a product of winning. Winning, however, isn't a dirty word. Winning games can produce a positive environment for the players and fill them with confidence and self belief, whilst losing games is often about character building. CFJFC recognize that children learn and develop in different ways and at different rates, especially at the younger age and No child should ever be made to feel inferior or superior to his or her peers during their initial development.

Although we are NOT an academy, we are committed to providing the highest level of coaching that our volunteers can offer. We commit to continual improvement in our coaching methods to ensure your child receives the best learning experience we can possibly provide as A Charter Standard Club.

**Player and Team Development** – This falls into two categories:

- i) Non-published score format
- ii) League format

### **Non-published score format**

This currently includes teams from Under 7 through to Under 11. The club encourages that all teams within individual age groups train at their respective age level, and players are registered to an individual team within the club, specific to their age based on the school term thus providing the opportunity for every player to play and develop with their teammates throughout the season. Group training helps build friendships between, not only players but, managers and parents alike and negates any chance of rivalry. Players will play for a team within their designated age group and will be placed in an environment, as directed by the coaches.

### **League format**

This currently includes teams at Under 12 and above. We understand that players at these ages are beginning to "feel like footballers" and have a more advanced level of understanding of the game. At this age competition is more advanced and in accordance

with The FA Requirements match results can be published together with League Formats, unlike the Non-published score format. It is imperative that children, of whatever age, continue to play the game in an environment that tests their abilities but does not deter them from playing.

## **Summary**

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to wish all players and parents, whether new to the club or long standing a very enjoyable stay with **CFJFC** and I hope that as a club we for fill all your expectations and your child's ambitions during Season 2017 – 18. Please be supportive of your respective team managers and their coaching staff and try to work with them and become part of the **CFJFC** Family. Most importantly remember we are all volunteers who give up our time for the love of the game and therefore cannot be expected to get it right all the time.

As a Grassroots football club we rely heavily on sponsorship and fundraising and I would welcome all parents to get involved in the club and attend our regular events which are published by our website : [www.cfjfc.org.uk](http://www.cfjfc.org.uk)

We have a sound committee who can be approached at anytime and as Chairman I am committed to watching as many games during the season as my time permits and hopefully will get to know some of you, as we stand on the touchline in all weather "encouraging our children" and opponents, as it takes two teams to play the game.

**Our ethos is clear and underpins our mission: to be a safe, happy, open and inclusive football club that strives to provide the best overall football experience for your child, and live up to our expectations as A Charter Standard Club**

Please remember.....

These are kids

This is a game

The coaches are volunteers

The referee is human

**THIS IS NOT THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

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