



## Walsall FC Talented & Gifted Programme



# PARENTS: CODE OF CONDUCT



Walsall FC is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment at all times during your child's football development.

***"As Parents, as well as Coaches, we have a responsibility to be a role model to your child at all times"***

- Remember that first and foremost, children play for FUN.
- Parents should not criticise their child on any part of the player's game, leave to the coach, as it may cause confusion and erode the player's confidence.
- Parents must not coach from the pitch side during matches and training.
- Be your child's best fan and support him unconditionally. Do not withdraw your support when he performs below his standards.
- Applaud effort and attempting good play as well as success.
- When transporting your child home, please be supporting and always focus on the positive aspects of his game.
- Develop a responsibility in your child to pack his own kit, clean boots and bring along his drink.
- Respect the facilities, staff, officials, opposition at our ground and our opponents' grounds.
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided) at training and matches.
- Do not criticise your child's coach to your coach or other parents, if you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach.
- Encourage your child to speak to the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or cannot attend training etc. encourage him to speak directly to the coaches.
- Monitor your child's stress levels at home. Keep an eye on the player to make sure that they are handling stress effectively from the various activities of life.
- Players should be in bed at a reasonable hour on the night before a game.
- Help your child keep his priorities correct. He needs to maintain a focus on schoolwork, relationships, and other things in life as well as football.
- Help the young player to focus on the performance and not the result.
- Winning is important but taking part and trying your best is much more significant.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticise any player.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their parents, coaches or the referee.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

***At the start of each season all parents will be asked to sign a declaration sheet in support of this Code of Conduct.***