



Alderley United FC - Code of Conduct For Parents

Parents are an incredible part of Alderley United FC - you have a vital role to play in supporting your child and our club.

These four simple rules set out what we need you to do:

- 1. Support your child**
- 2. Support the club**
- 3. Support the team**
- 4. Set a good example**

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

We want the children to become self-organised and take greater responsibility for their own kit and equipment. Parents can support this by reminding children what they need to bring to training and matches. Please ensure that your child has had adequate food and drink on the day of a match and as much sleep as possible the night before. You can also ensure that players arrive on time at training and for matches. It is the responsibility of each team's manager to inform you in advance of timings.

SUPPORT THE CLUB

The club relies on parent volunteers so please support the club in whatever way you can. That includes everything from coaching (no experience necessary and full training given), practical help on a match day with goalposts, corner flags and water bottles to help with fundraising, administration or events. You can dramatically reduce our administration time by paying fees on time, completing and returning paperwork promptly and supporting your child's team on a weekly basis. You should let your coach know as early as possible if your child can't come to training or to a match. Inform your coach of any problems you or your child has experienced. Help us make Alderley United FC a happy place for our kids to play.

SUPPORT THE TEAM

We want you to give lots of verbal praise and encouragement to all the children, not just your own. But remember that excessive shouting can put children under too much pressure and spoil their enjoyment. Please don't coach your child (or others) during a match – leave that to the coach. Children find it confusing to have conflicting instructions coming from many different sources. Also, children need to learn to make their own decisions, right or wrong, and to learn both during training and matches.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Together, the players, parents and coaches are responsible for upholding the ethos and standards of the club. Demonstrate sporting behaviour by applauding the opposition as well as your own team. Give attention to all of the children involved, not just your own or the most talented. Demonstrate respect by never questioning the referee's decision and don't criticise the referee in front of the players. Don't enter into arguments or exchange words with opposition players, parents, supporters or officials. If you would like to make a complaint, pursue an issue or raise a problem with anyone outside the club, you must first refer it to the club committee who will agree the most appropriate course of action or take action on your behalf. Remind other parents and spectators to stick to this code of conduct. In particular, ensure that you and they are always positive and encouraging towards the children.