

# Welcome Pack

## Season 2018/19



# Skills School FC

Affiliation number:

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## 1. - An introduction to Skills School Football Club

Skills School was created in 2015 by Luke Taylor, He made Skills School to improve football in the area. Skills School now works with 7 local schools in the area. Teaching over 500 children a week as a company. Skills School in January made the decision to create a Saturday Club. Skills School FC will have 4 teams all having players who have aspirations to become better footballers.

We are a Standard Club which means that we have achieved all the relevant requirements as set out by the FA. Every year the Club has to conduct a health check to satisfy its obligations to the FA. We have been granted acceptance by the Surrey FA to be affiliated with them. In summary it gives us a level to work to that benefits all involved with the Club.

Skills School in 2018/19 Season will have 4 teams entering the Epsom and Ewell League.

The U7's and U8's play under the rules of 'Fair Play', which is development 5-a-side, the U9's play development 7-a-side, Under U11's play development 9-a-side.

## 2. - Club Officials

<b>Chairman</b>	Luke Taylor	Info@skillsschool.uk
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ruth Cook	<a href="mailto:Harvey_ruth@yahoo.co.uk">Harvey_ruth@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Club Secretary</b>	Luke Taylor	Info@skillsschool.uk
<b>Child Welfare Officer</b>	Sarah Collett	<a href="mailto:Sarahjcollett@icloud.com">Sarahjcollett@icloud.com</a>
<b>Fixture Sec</b>	Luke Taylor/ Elaine	<a href="mailto:Satfixtures@skillsschool.uk">Satfixtures@skillsschool.uk</a>

## 3. - Annual General Meeting

Each year we hold our Annual General Meeting, which is usually held in June. All parents are encouraged to attend, and all contributions are well received.

At the meeting the committee stands down and re-elections take place. All future events are discussed and new ideas welcomed for fund raising etc.

We are always looking for parents to get involved and what better way than to join the Skills School FC. Your Club, your opportunity.

## 4. - Training

All players are expected to attend weekly training sessions. The session will last 1 hour. During the Autumn, Spring and Summer months training is outdoors, but in the Winter, training may sometimes be indoors. The charge for training is £4 per session but must be paid upfront per term. Players who do not play for Skills School will be invited to train with us to increase intensity in training. All training money must be paid to Skills School LTD.

## 5. - Matches

Skills School will play in the Epsom and Ewell League for all of our teams. During the months following the end of the season, teams will have the chance to participate in tournaments and friendlies arranged by the team's manager. Skills School also offers a chance for players to take part in our summer league. Which is made a very cheap price to continue children from playing throughout the summer.

## 6. - Subscription Fees

. **The current subscription fees for 2018/2019 are**

**Minis: U7/8/9 - £80 for the Year**

**9 Aside: £100 for the Year. The current subscription fees for 2018/2019 are**

This fee is reviewed each year and then agreed at the A.G.M. The fee includes monies to be paid to the League for registration, public liability insurance, referee fees, pitch fees, equipment for our Club and trophy for all the players at the end of season presentation evening. All players need to complete a registration form. Which will be attached on separate document.

## **7. - Football Kits**

From the under 7 age group upwards, players are required to wear team football strips. Team kits are replaced every 2 years. The football kit will include shirt, shorts and socks. Tracksuits can also be purchased by individuals. Skills School will be getting sponsorship for the kits which means parents will not need to cover any costs. The design of the football kit is clubs choice and will be the same colour throughout the whole club. Shin pads and football boots must be supplied by parents and are not the responsibility of the Club. Shin pads must be worn by all players in training and during match play. All kits remain the property of Skills School and are to be handed back if you choose to leave the club.

## **8. – Health and Safety**

It is important that during training and matches that the player has plenty of fluids – especially in the warmer weather. Sun cream should always be worn during the hot summer weather and a hat used to protect the player from the sun. Suitable footwear and shin pads must be worn during matches and training. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child has available at all times any inhalers or epi-pens that have been prescribed.

It is part of the Referee's role to inspect footwear, shin pads and jewellery before each and every match. Any player not removing jewellery (including necklaces, rings, bracelets, leather bands and earrings) will not be allowed onto the field of play. It is the coaches decision to remove players or suspend play if there are any health and safety issues. Please advise the coach if your child has been suffering with any types of aches and pains before or after the game.

## **9. - Sponsorship**

Any form of sponsorship is greatly appreciated by our teams. Often sponsorship's come from companies where the players' parents are either employed or own. It is also a great way to advertise and shows support for young people in sport. If you would like to be a sponsor for the Club please contact us for details.

## **10. - Opportunities**

The Club is always looking to encourage parents to be part of the Club. Parent helpers are vital to the success of the Club. Any parent wishing to become a coach/manager will be supported by the Clubs committee. You will require to be C.R.C. checked, which will be funded by the Club. We would also welcome anybody wishing to become a referee, again the Club would support this with the relevant FA courses. Skills School will try to have a tea hut is available during home games, this is run by parents of the players a great way to get involved. Whatever time you can give will be valued greatly.

## **11. - Presentation Evening**

Every year at the end of the football season we hold our annual presentation evening. Our presentation evening is a fantastic event where parents and players can socialise and celebrate the Clubs success. This is where you see the smiles on the children as they collect their piece of silverware. All players are included and every child receives a training trophy for the hard work that they have put in during the season. For the age groups that play in the league there are individual awards up for grabs such as Players Player, Managers Player, Most Improved etc.

## **12. - Fund Raising**

The club is always keen to hear from people who have enthusiasm to drive fundraising projects, this does not have to be football based. We will have a open day and fundraising day on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## FA guidelines

### Respect

#### Why football needs Respect

The FA is responding to a plea from grassroots football to tackle unacceptable behavior in football. Respect aims to tackle the mass drop-out of referees from football due to abuse. Thousands of referees dropped out of the game last season which has led to the number of match officials hitting its lowest ever level.

Respect also aims to bring the fun back to football for young players. Parents and coaches pushing too hard and pressurising impressionable children for three points is having a negative impact on their development and enjoyment of the game.

- 98% of referees have been verbally abused and 27% have been physically abused.
- One in three grassroots matches is now played without a qualified match official.
- 846 grassroots matches were abandoned in 2007/08 due to unacceptable behaviour from players and/or spectators.
- Parents and coaches want role models in the elite game to provide a positive example for young players.
- The No. 2 priority from grassroots football is tackling the ‘pushy parent’ placing too much pressure on their child and their child’s team from the sideline

### How do we achieve Respect?

#### Step 1: Codes of conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct

### Player Roles: - When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at

my club.

- Look and Dress appropriate for game day and training.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA: I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
  - The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

## **Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game  
This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills.

**Winning isn't everything.**

### **As a Parent/ Carers or spectator I Will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
  - Applaud effort and good play as well as success
  - Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
    - Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
    - Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials

- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:**

**I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
  - Required to meet with the club committee
  - Obliged to undertake an FA education course
  - Obliged to leave the match venue by the club
  - Requested by the club not to attend future games
  - Suspended or have my club membership removed
  - Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.

As a Skills School FC player I will abide by all the rules set above and become a better player and person through my time at Skills School FC.

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SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....

PLAYERS

DECLARATION .....

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I agree to abide by the policies, terms and conditions of Skills School FC.

SIGNATURE .....

DATE .....