

THE GOAL ACADEMY

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

Parents have a great effect on their children's enjoyment of the game. A parent's high expectations, for example, have a significant negative bearing. Positive encouragement, on the other hand, can contribute to children enjoying their football more and experiencing a greater sense of personal achievement. In light of this, The Goal Academy asks parents to follow the guidelines below when supporting their children.

Parents should:

- applaud the opposition as well as their child's team;
- avoid coaching the child during the game;
- refrain from shouting and screaming;
- respect the referee's decision;
- give attention to each of the children involved in football, not just the most talented;
- give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Soccer Parent

The Goal Academy actively encourages parents to play a positive role in supporting their children's football experience. To help parents recognise how their involvement in football influences the development of their children, both on and off the pitch, The Goal Academy recommends 'Soccer Parent'.

'Soccer Parent' is a free online course that is available to anybody that registers with FA Learning – The FA's Educational Provider. The course involves a whole host of information, puzzles and downloads aimed at raising both standards of behaviour and knowledge. It's interactive and fun, with games and video clips and cartoons. Furthermore, everyone that completes the course and achieves the pass mark can immediately print off an accredited certificate directly from the website.

For more information on Soccer Parent please visit www.thefa.com.