

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Upper Junior Parents and Carers,

We are excited to be relaunching the Upper Juniors' Football team from this half term.

Below are key points around how this will be organised:

- The Squad will be made up of Year 6 children and Year 5 children (both boys and girls)
- Trials will be held to select members of the squad
- In the event of more children wanting to be part of the squad, there will be a reserve list
- Members of the squad will have training sessions on Friday lunchtimes, delivered by Coach Olly (our PSD Coach) Mr Darbon and Mrs Clarke.
- Membership of the squad will not guarantee a place on the team for competitions – this will be done through a selection process based on performance during coaching sessions and the criteria for each competition or tournament.
- Members of the squad will be expected to attend all training sessions (unless they are absent from school due to illness) and have their kit in school on Fridays. Failure to commit to this, or bring the appropriate kit regularly could lead to their removal from the squad and being replaced by a member of the reserve list. Children who fail to bring their kit will not be permitted to join in on football on the tarmac during lunchtime.
- Pupil behaviour in school will be monitored closely – if behaviour in school does not meet school expectations, the pupil will be asked to leave the squad and a reserve will be offered the place.

If your child would like to take part in the trials, please complete the slip below and return to school by Wednesday 17th September. Trials will take place on Thursday 18th September from 1.15pm. Children attending trials will go in to lunch early and have time to change before the trials start. They can wear their PE kit, or can wear other sports kit if they wish. They will be playing on the grass so football boots and shin pads are recommended. **If they do get a place in the squad, football boots and shin pads are a necessity.** Children who get a place in the squad will be notified the week of the 22nd September, and training sessions will be announced following this. Additional tryouts will be held at later points in the year to ensure we are continuously working with the most appropriate squad.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr Darbon or the school office who will be able to assist you further.

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