



MINI-ALLSTARS FOOTBALL FUN CLUB

Our Football Fun Club provides fun and exciting football training sessions for our Mini-AllStars girls and boys aged 4-8 years in a safe and friendly environment.

Each session is supported by a team of FA Qualified coaches, most of whom also volunteer elsewhere in our FA award-winning Club and have lots of experience in helping young children.

Sessions are designed to develop confidence and provide a solid, age-appropriate, base to help young children participate in team sports, with a particular emphasis on football. We are an inclusive club and will make every effort to make reasonable adjustments to the sessions to meet the needs of the children attending.

WHERE AND WHEN

Our Fun Club sessions are now permanently based at **Ryeish Green Sports Hub 3G pitch, Hyde End Rd, Ryeish Green, Reading RG7 1EP**. We run them every **Sunday morning from 11am till 12pm** during football season. The pitch is behind the Leisure Centre – its floodlights are easily seen from the entrance.

To adhere to the site rules, please try to keep off the pitch yourself if possible.

COSTS AND BOOKING

Sessions are £3 per week. Due to updated FA safeguarding and Track & Trace requirements, please complete our online registration form (below) before arriving for the first time, to help us comply. We will no longer be able to accept cash when you arrive, so an invoice will be made at the end of each month and emailed over. It will only ask for payment for the sessions your child has attended.

KIT

Whilst not essential, it helps to have **football boots** to avoid children slipping. Normal, modern day moulded studs work both on grass and on the 3G pitch. Please note that metal studs are forbidden in youth football nowadays.

The FA requires all participants at football sessions to wear **shin protection**. We have a few in our equipment bag to borrow should you struggle to find a pair or forget your own. Children at this age are unlikely to cause much harm but they do get very excited, accidents sometimes happen.

They will need a **named water bottle for their own personal use**. We take regular “drinks” breaks to help the children rest and for us to set up the next activity.

Please ensure they are dressed in **weather and activity appropriate clothing**.

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT UNDER COVID-19

BEFORE YOU SET OUT

As well as checking the weather conditions you now must check for signs of Covid-19 infection.

All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a **self-assessment for any Covid-19 symptoms**. No-one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following:

- A high temperature (above **37.8°C**);
- A new, continuous cough;
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste.

If a participant becomes Covid-19 symptomatic during the activity, they should immediately remove themselves from the session and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed.

If an individual becomes symptomatic post an activity they must follow the NHS Test and Trace guidance found [here](#).

ARRIVING AT THE SESSION

You will be met at the entrance, asked if you have done the checks describe above and then added to the attendance register. The children will be grouped into "bubbles" according to age and ability as usual. Depending on how many children turn up on the day we may split them up into additional "bubbles". Each will be provided with a bib to use over the session.

DURING THE SESSION

- Please remember to socially distance when spectating.
- Children will be provided with hand sanitiser before the session formally begins and again at breaks.
- Please ensure that drinks bottles are clearly marked with your child's name to avoid any risky mix-ups.
- We know everyone loves to help, but please do not pick up any balls with your hands or touch any of the equipment unless you are officially helping, as we are required to sterilise each again. We always welcome more help though, even if it is to spray the equipment down!
- Also, try not to shout as this can potentially spread infection.
- If a child gets hurt, is upset because things didn't work out as they planned, or needs a shoelace tying then it is quicker and less intimidating for someone from their household to help them.

AT THE END OF THE SESSION

Remember to check for forgotten drinks bottles, jackets, gloves, hats, shoes etc before you leave.

When you get home please remember to wash your hands.

HOW TO REGISTER

- The new rules prevent us from allowing children to just show up on the day. **We need contact details before you arrive – No details, no play.**
- It is essential to complete online registration form before you can come to sessions. You can complete it by going here: <https://bit.ly/3sTk9Lh>. Details from this will be added to the FA's registration system, which as well as registering your child with the FA, is also a requirement for insurance purposes.
- Whilst not essential, assuming that you have completed the registration form, it would be helpful for anyone new to contact us by email before arriving so that we know to expect them and to provide any personal support they might need. You can contact us via our Website at <https://shinfieldrangersfc.com/> or email us directly at: FunClub@shinfieldrangersfc.com.
- If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to help and fully understand that these can be strange and difficult times for some children (and adults too).

Please note that your child can formally participate in team matches as soon as (s)he turns 6. If that is before the end of a calendar year then they may be able to join a team in January if they missed the September window. If this is of interest let Wayne or Ray know and they will talk it through with you.