ESHER RUGBY

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Dear Parent

On behalf of Esher Rugby I would like to welcome you and your child to the club and provide you with some information about our activities. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of six and eighteen to receive coaching and competition in rugby. All coaching is supervised by RFU qualified coaches who are trained and have been screened for their suitability for working with young people. Below is some information about training times and dates, and details regarding travel arrangements, kit and club registration.

Mini (U7-U12, School Years 1-7 inclusive) training sessions take place on Sundays between 10 and 12 noon at the Rugby Ground**. Junior U13-U18's (Year 8 – 6th Form)** training times can vary but generally are between 12 and 2 pm on Sundays throughout September – April. All Junior teams at U13+ play 15-a-side rugby and compete in the Surrey RFU leagues. If squad sizes are big enough we enter two teams per age group so that all players gain from match play experience. No child can develop without playing time and this is an essential part of our ethos at Esher. We do not strive to be elitist, nor have a win at all cost philosophy. We are a fully inclusive rugby club and aim to get the best from every player. We also have Junior Girls Rugby and have an **U15 Girls team (Year 7-9)** and **U18 Ladies (Year 10 +).** We do expect any child under the age of 12 to be accompanied at the Club by a parent or nominated carer. This may be another nominated parent but please let your Team Manager know who is responsible for your child, in the event of any incident or injury.

Arrangements should be made for your child to travel to and from junior training sessions and matches. We appreciate it if children can arrive and be collected promptly. If you are going to be late picking your child up, please contact your child's Team Manager and let them know. Contact numbers are in the Club Handbook.
Club training kit consists of socks, shirts and shorts (Other kit such as fleeces, waterproofs, t-shirts etc are also available). The cost of each training session free and competition fees are also free. The club has a membership fee of £80 (parent membership) plus £30 per first child and every subsequent sibling at £20 p.a. We would be grateful if you could complete the attached junior club membership form. For the safety of your child it is important that the club is informed of any medical condition or allergies that may be relevant should your child fall ill or be involved in an accident while at the club.
If you would like to talk to someone at the club about this information or your child's involvement with the club, please contact me (details below). We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to meeting you at some point in the future.

We look forward to your child becoming a happy and valued member of our junior section. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season of rugby. Finally, there are social events being planned, a fund raising bag pack at Sainsburys in December (volunteers needed!) and Le Petit Nantais Celebrity lunches, so please continue to support these initiatives.

Wearing my Youth Development Manager hat – if your child's school would appreciate some help in coaching rugby please let me know as we also offer coaching sessions in school. I am the Clubs Child Welfare officer as well so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries regarding our junior members.

Kindest Regards

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PS Please do not forget that your membership entitles you and your child to watch our First XV compete in National Division One at Home matches, free of charge, so long as you are accompanied to the match by your child, wearing their junior members Esher kit. Come and see top quality senior rugby at your Club completely FREE!