

Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC



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CHAIRMANS WELCOME

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO NEWCASTLE BENFIELD JUNIORS FC!!!

On behalf of our club chairmen, we would like to welcome you to our fantastic club.

Whether you are an existing player, or just joining, we are honoured that you have chosen to sign on at Newcastle Benfield for the upcoming season and we hope it will be a very memorable one for yourself and your team members.

As we head into the coming season, we strive to become better each year, whether it be our facilities, staff, coaches or general running of the club, your welfare and enjoyment are at the forefront of our minds, making sure you all have a fun and safe environment to play in.

We have exciting plans being put in place to push us onto the next phase of our club development plan, which will enable us the opportunity to provide everyone with a junior club that you can all be proud to represent.

Work has been ongoing for the last year in unison with our senior football club, with the integration of our juniors so we become a more unified club moving forward.

Lots of those plans include match day experiences for our mini and junior boys and girls teams, as well as other exciting benefits for our older teams, giving every player the experiences that not many other clubs can offer.

For every player, you will all recognise the amazing coaches that we are so very privileged to have here at Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC, and each and every one of them is a fully-fledged member of the qualities and values that our club live by, they will support and help you all in every way possible, but remember that they are all volunteers, as we all are.

Every section of our club is geared around helping to produce young footballers with the right attitude and commitment to the game we all love, but we also teach important life skills like respect, honesty, kindness, and loyalty. We are not elitist in any way and are proud of the fact that we offer football for players of all ages and abilities.

We are also aware that not everyone comes from the same background in life, but when you come through our gate, you are all the same and we want to be clear that no prejudice will be accepted by anyone here at our club, which is why we ask you to commit to the words we live by, our saying.

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Best wishes and good luck

Marc Lumsdon and Nicky Evans

Chairman and Vice Chairman

Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC

Welcome to Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC

Welcome to Newcastle Benfield Juniors season. It is good to see so many excited returning faces as well and many new happy ones. This is your players pack; it has plenty of information in about Newcastle Benfield Juniors as well as some very important forms for you as parents to complete and your young aspiring player.

Inside this pack you will find:

- Player's code of conduct
- Parent's code of conduct
- Information about the club
- Kit list
- Fundraising, tournaments, and presentations
- Contact details for the club and who is who

We as a club would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for joining us and we are sure this season will be full of many triumphs where the fun and love of football is shared by all involved in a safe happy environment.

See you all on the pitch from the Newcastle Benfield Team

Players Code of Conduct

Play your best, be your best

Play your part and support

The FA's Code of Respect:

When playing football, I will:

- Always play my best for the benefit of the team
- Play fairly and be friendly, never engage in, or tolerate offensive, violent, racist, insulting or abusive language and behaviour.
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee.
- Shake hands with the other team - win or lose
- Listen carefully to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Encourage my teammates
- Respect the facilities home & away

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever I have upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted, or suspended from training/games

Signed.....

Date.....

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

Behave positively and our children will too

Play your part and support

The FA's Code of Respect:

- Have fun; it's what we're all here for!
- Celebrate effort and good play from both sides
- Always respect the Referee and the coaches, encourage the players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and in the designated spectators' area where provided.
- When players make mistakes offer encouragement to try again next time
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Respond to all communication,
- Understand the coach is the coach and let them do what they do best coach the team
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, violent, racist, insulting or abusive language and behaviour
- Respect the facilities home & away
- No smoking, vaping or alcohol consumption at pitch side.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- Issued a verbal warning
- Be required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake a FA educational course
- Requested not to attend future games, be suspended, or have my membership removed.
- Required to leave the club along with any dependants and/or fined

Signed

Date.....

SUBS

1. Subs are £25.00 per month paid for 11 months July - May (sibling discount available).
2. Subs are to be paid by the 25th of the month.
3. Payment **MUST** be made through Pitchero, (you will be sent a link) No cash will be accepted.
4. Subs are used to pay for league fees, affiliation, insurance, and pitch fees. All coaches are **UNPAID** volunteers who give up their time so please ensure subs are paid on time.
5. Should you be unable to pay it is **IMPORTANT** you speak to your coach, if there is a genuine reason for non-payment and it has been explained to your coach then we can agree to accept payments later in the month.
6. If you miss 2 month's subs and have not spoken to your coach or responded to messages your child will be unable to train or play league games until the outstanding monies are paid in full.
7. If you leave all subs must be paid up to date before your child can be released from the club.

KIT

1. Each child is supplied with a complete Training kit as standard.
2. If the club does not have a club sponsor for home/away kit, then it is down to each individual team to help find one.
3. If you would like your child's team to have additional items like coats, hoodies, bags, etc. it is up to the team to find a sponsor or for the parents to agree to purchase/fundraise for them.
4. Regardless of whether the sponsor was found by you, is a family friend or a work place the kit is the property of Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC.
5. When a child leaves **ALL** kit must be returned, including any items purchased by additional sponsors or fundraising like hoodies, tracksuits, coats etc. (if you have paid for the team as a sponsor or using fundraising the kit remains the property of Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC).
6. Failure to return kit will result in you being invoiced for the full cost to replace the items.
7. If you leave all kit must be handed in or paid for before your child can be released from the club.

TRAINING

1. Your subs include 1 training session a week and your league games.
2. Summer training is held on grass at our home ground, Sam Smith Park, Walkergate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 4NU.
3. Winter training will be on 3G pitches and in some cases indoors. This information will be passed to you as and when the coaches have it available.
4. Please ensure you wear the correct footwear for the surface you are training on.
5. If your child can not make it to training or a league match, please advise your coach as soon as possible.
6. Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC attire should be worn at all sessions.
7. Please ensure when training at Benfield that the outdoors area is kept litter free.
8. We will run a Snack Attack when possible, selling hot and cold drinks, along with crisps and sweets. Please support the shop.

Gift Aid

Newcastle Benfield Juniors is a registered charity, number 1172642. As a charity we can claim Gift Aid on subscriptions.

“To qualify for Gift Aid, charity subscription payments must be for membership only. They must not give members personal use of the charity’s facilities or services.

These conditions still allow members to:

- receive newsletters you produce to explain your charity’s work
- visit and view the work of your charity
- take part in activities that form part of your charity’s objectives

If you pay for the membership of a charity for a child (under the age of 18), this can be accepted as a gift.” (Gov.uk)

If you leave the club before the end of the season, please email secretary@benfieldjuniors.com with your child’s name and team so we can make sure your details are removed from our records in line with GDPR regulations.

Social Media

To ensure the club follows best practice and adheres to safeguarding policies, Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC has a Facebook account, **Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC**, which everyone can join. It will have details about events, trials, tournaments etc. We are also on Twitter, **Benfield Juniors FC**, along with our website **Benfieldjuniors.com**

All pages are monitored, and any abusive, or racial comments will be deleted and the person responsible may be removed from the groups.

Complaints

It is recognized that in any football club, differences and misunderstandings may arise. Successful resolution of differences depends on the willingness of the parties involved to communicate with one another. Every effort should be made to resolve disputes in an informal manner whatever issues arise. However, there will be occasions where issues cannot be resolved informally. It is the policy of Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC to provide an orderly and formal procedure to deal promptly and fairly with any Complaints.

If any Youth Member, Parent/Career, Club or FA Official or Coach feels that he or she has suffered discrimination, experienced or witnessed something of concern or that the Club's Policies, Rules or Code of Conduct has been broken they should report the matter to The Club.

The team coach should be your first person to speak to about your complaint, if you feel that it needs to be investigated further or is in relation to a coach then you should contact the chairman, vice chairman, welfare officer or secretary (contact details can be found at the back of the book).

The full complaints policy and complaints form can be found on our website: benfieldjuniors.com

Swimming

There may be on occasion that your child will be swimming. Please note that this will normally take place during team tournaments where the team will go away as a group. Each child while in "Game" time is the responsibility of the coach outside the "Game" time each child is the responsibility of their family, parents, or carers.

I understand that my child's coach will **not** be responsible for my child in the water and outside of "Game" time

I will ensure that my child is fully looked after by their **own** parents/carers/family

That Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC take **no responsibility or liability** for any incidents that may occur while my child is in parental/carer/family care.

Travel

There may be occasions where your child may need to travel on the minibus for the purpose of travel to and from but not limited games, training, and tournaments.

I understand that my child shall behave correctly and in a safe manner undertaking instruction when needed to by an appropriate adult.

I understand that where seatbelts are provided my child will adhere to these.

I understand that if my child behaves incorrectly then my consent to travel will be withdrawn.

I understand that if any circumstances arise, I will be contacted using the details provided in a timely manner when it is safe to do so.

I consent to emergency treatment to be given when needed by staff who are first aid trained and by any response to emergency 999 or walk in health centres.

Right to leave U12 AND ABOVE ONLY

Newcastle Benfield Juniors Football Club operates an age policy of which we understand a child is growing in independence. In this case we will not allow any child under the age of 12 years old to leave any including but not limited to training session, game, tournament, without the accompaniment of an adult. An adult is defined as a person of 18 years old.

This consent form only applies to those children who are U12 and older to be completed by a parent or carer of that child.

WhatsApp

Please be advised that most of our coaches use WhatsApp as a form of communication with parents. For this to work we need your consent to pass your number on to your child's coach so that they can set the group up.

The coach will add each player's parent using their phone number.

Please be aware that you may be able to view other parents contact numbers this way. We ask that you use common sense and do not abuse this.

This is a great way to contact parents as a group to inform them of any plans for the team it also ensures the coaches do not miss anyone out. You can have more than one parent in the group if you wish to do so.

Other Activities

To actively take part in activities at Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC. I understand that Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC will arrange these adhering to all FA laws and policies, it will also be age appropriate for my child.

If I have any concerns regarding my child, I will discuss this with my child's coach.

I am aware of the medical consent form, and I abide by that form. Any changes I will inform my child's coach and will complete another medical consent form,

Kit List

All players must ensure they bring and/or wear the following to all training sessions, games, and tournaments etc.

- Filled water bottle or drink (extra in the summer)
- Snack if needed
- Medication which is labelled (if needed)
- Shin pads
- Skins or base layers (winter especially)
- Hat and Gloves (winter)
- Coat (winter)
- Sun cream (summer)
- Sun hat (summer)
- Wear training kit on training days or other if instructed to by coach
- Full Newcastle Benfield Juniors kit either home or away
- Appropriate football boots for the surface
- Goalkeeper gloves (Goalkeeper)

There may be occasions where you will need to bring both strips your coach will advise you of this.

When the season is ending, your coach will advise you on how, when and whom to return your kits to. Please note that **all kits must be returned failure to do so will result in a charge for replacing the kit.**

Fund-raising, tournaments, and presentations

Part of the fun of football is of course the tournaments, lots of games, lots of fun, lots of football a “holiday” with their teammates and of course medals and trophies... What's not to love for a child who loves football? In past years teams across Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC have travelled to the likes of Butlin's, Blackpool, Flamingo Land, and even abroad to play. It is essential for the team to come together to raise money for these fantastic opportunities for the children to experience. Fundraising plays a massive part to help teams achieve this. Your coach will discuss this with you during the season.

At the end of the season Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC hold their annual Benfield family presentation.

Huge red curtains..... dramatic music..... on comes the chairman the kids all shuffle in their seats the curtains open then the sound of all the children sat as trophies gleam back at them from high on the stage.

Each team player will receive a trophy for all the hard work they put in for the season. More trophies are given out for other achievements.

A truly great night to honour the children that make Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC what it is again your coach will give you details nearer the time.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this pack please make sure you return to your coach all the completed and signed consent forms as well as signed codes of conducts consent form please.

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Important contact numbers

Chairman	Marc Lumsdon	07771588367	chairman@benfieldjuniors.com
Vice Chairman	Nicky Evans	07818436301	nicky@benfieldjuniors.com
Treasurer	Kelly Bakke	07929359601	treasurer@benfieldjuniors.com
Club secretary	Kelly Bakke	07929359601	secretary@benfieldjuniors.com

Welfare officers

Amanda Brunton	07932267608	welfare@benfieldjuniors.com
Kay Faetz	07971378522	
Barry Faetz	07971524192	
Wayne Brown	07449932044	
Andy Williams	07866889899	

Child line **0800 1111**

NSPCC **0191 227 5300**

Children's Front door service **0345 2000 109**

The FA also has a "whistle-blowing" service which will put you through to the safeguarding team on 0800 169 1863 ext. 6300 or 6400

Club grounds and address

Sam Smiths Park
Walkergate
Newcastle upon on Tyne
NE6 4NU

Website: benfieldjuniors.com
Facebook: **Newcastle Benfield Juniors FC**
Twitter: **Benfield Juniors FC**

Please note that all our polices are available on our website: benfieldjuniors.com

Any concerns please contact one of the welfare officers on the above contact methods