



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

*Be wise, be happy, belong!*

## Newsletter

Website: [www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk](http://www.danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reading Awards

**Congratulations** to the following children who have passed their reading awards:

Oscar D – **Bronze**      Isabelle M – **Diamond**      Alice F – **Diamond**      Luca S - **Diamond**  
Sam T – **Diamond**      Hema M – **Topaz**      Eleanor R - **Topaz**

*Certificates will be presented in class by Mrs Gooding*

### Weekly Update

It seems hard to believe that a year has passed since we first went into lockdown and that we are again at the end of another term. We fully acknowledge what has happened and that we are still living with many challenges but at Danbury Park we are concentrating on the future and we are *bouncing back and bouncing higher!* Since we came back to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have lost no time in assessing where the children are in their learning and adapting our teaching. Mrs Booth, Class Avocet's teacher on Thursdays and Fridays, has additionally been in school at the beginning of each week to support the Year 6 pupils. Mrs Booth and Mrs Eveleigh have worked together and given the children the opportunity to work in various break-out groups to concentrate on tricky aspects of the curriculum. Even though this has been for a relatively short time, we have seen the children grow in confidence and gain in knowledge and skills. After the Easter break Mrs Booth will continue with this for one final week before moving on to work with our other Key Stage 2 classes. She will be working alongside the class teachers and learning support assistants so that the children can work in smaller focused groups for a sustained period of time benefitting from two experienced teachers.

After Easter Mrs Rush, one of our experienced infant LSAs will be working additional afternoons in classes Goldfinch and Flamingo to support those children who would benefit from a nudge in the right direction and Mrs Thirkettle and Mrs Thakkar will be starting work on the NELI programme in Classes Hummingbird and Jay to aid the development of early literacy skills with selected children. Sadly the catch-up funding provided by the government will not go far but we are focusing our attention where it will have the most impact and where as many children as possible will benefit.

We are looking forward to when we can return to more normality and particularly the starts and end to the school days and breaks and lunchtimes. When we can, we are considering changing the timetable so that lunchtime for every child is reduced from 60 to 50 minutes and adjusting the end of the school day by 10 minutes so that we finish at 3.15pm which would allow better timings for after school clubs and events. We know that this may not be able to happen until September but we want to look ahead so that we are ready. As ever we would value your thoughts and opinions.

I hope that you have a good Easter break. Please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April ready for the summer term.

## Easter Carbon Footprint Project

### Getting our Families and the Wider Community Involved

As you will know Danbury Park School is working closely with Essex County Council on our sustainability project and together we recognise that to reach a carbon zero target by 2030 requires positive action not just objectives. As you may be aware with the support of Mr Hicks, the grandfather of one of our former pupils, we have been monitoring our electrical use over the last year and we are taking further steps to reduce our carbon footprint. A lot is said about people's carbon footprint, but it is very difficult to define the actual impact of our actions.

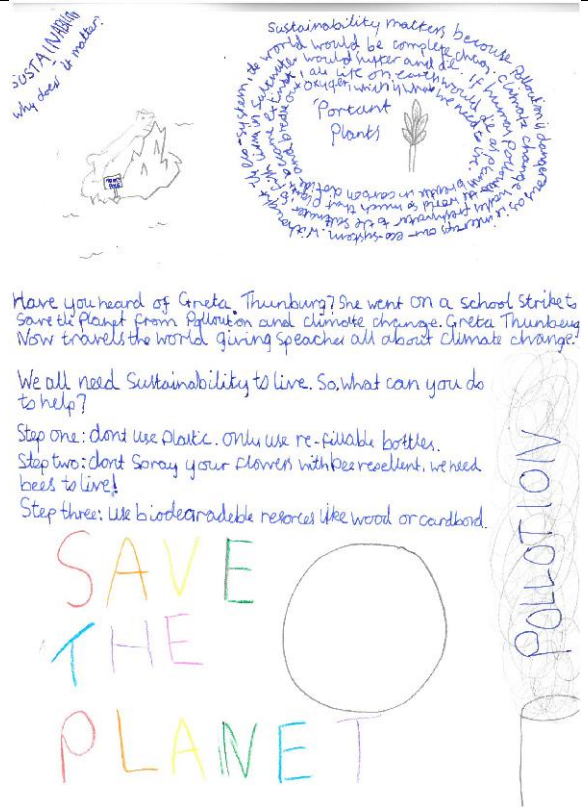
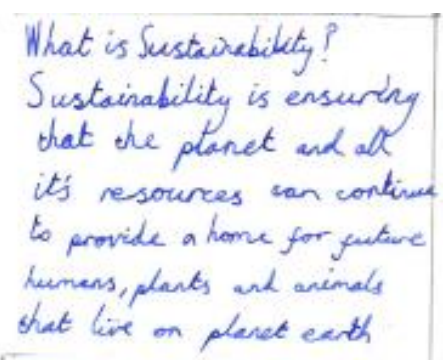
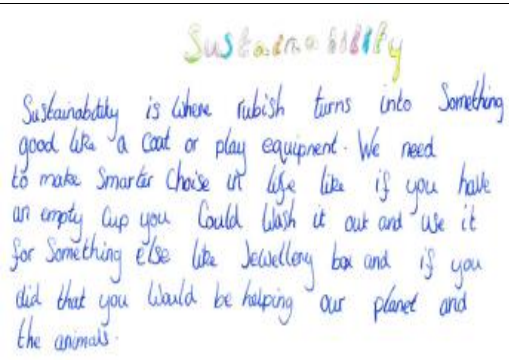
Over the Easter period we would like to involve our families in widening this project and helping the children and parents understand further what more we can do. As part of this we want to be able to measure the impact of our actions. The link below is to a website where families can easily generate a figure that is representative of a household's carbon impact. By the nature of these sites, it is not an entirely accurate result, but it will give an indication of different levels at different houses. We do not fully support this site or agree with several of the statements it makes but having looked at other alternatives, it is probably the easiest and quickest one to produce a meaningful figure.

We are asking families to take just a few minutes over the Easter break to fill in the details, preferably with the children present, press the view/print button at the end and screenshot the results. We would then like this information to be emailed to the class email so that we can collate the information. This information will not be saved or recorded against any individual house or family so you cannot be identified but it will be used as a general statement as to how different homes produce different results.

<https://www.carbonindependent.org/index.html>

We want to use the data so that the children understand that sustainability isn't just something that happens in school. At Danbury Park we are keen to explore how we can influence the wider community and be at the forefront of innovative projects that will shape the future of education and the curriculum nationally.

Here are some thoughts from Class Budgerigar:

 <p>SUSTAINABILITY why does it matter?</p> <p>Sustainability matters because the world would be completely dead. Without plants, animals, and humans, life on earth would be impossible. Sustainability is about taking care of our planet and its resources so that we can live in a healthy and happy world.</p> <p>Have you heard of Greta Thunberg? She went on a school strike to save the planet from pollution and climate change. Greta Thunberg now travels the world giving speeches all about climate change!</p> <p>We all need Sustainability to live. So, what can you do to help?</p> <p>Step one: don't use plastic. Only use re-fillable bottles.</p> <p>Step two: don't spray your flowers with pesticides. We need bees to live!</p> <p>Step three: Use biodegradable resources like wood or cardboard.</p> <p>SAVE THE PLANET</p> <p>POLLUTION</p>	 <p>What is Sustainability? Sustainability is ensuring that the planet and all its resources can continue to provide a home for future humans, plants and animals that live on planet earth</p> <p>William</p>  <p>Sustainability is when rubbish turns into something good like a coat or play equipment. We need to make smarter choices in life like if you have an empty cup you could wash it out and use it for something else like Jewellery box and if you did that you would be helping our planet and the animals.</p> <p>Sophia</p>
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Dear Parents,

As advised by our Headteacher, Danbury Park School is now 'bouncing back' after the most recent lockdown, during which all Staff co-operated to produce first-class remote learning, as well as providing learning for the children of key workers. The governors are extremely grateful for all their hard work. During the lockdown we continued our monitoring role via Zoom or the telephone and were kept up to date with all the Covid arrangements and Risk Assessments. Committee meetings were held as usual and the chairs would like to report as follows:

### Curriculum and Pupil Related – Chair, Mrs.Katherine Moulding

- 🦉 Despite the restrictions imposed by the 3rd national lockdown, Governor monitoring visits continued remotely, covering Safeguarding, SEND provision, Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 English and Key Stage 2. Pupil Well-Being support provision was also examined.
- 🦉 The committee started to examine the effectiveness of measures the School was able to implement from the government's Covid19 Catch-Up funding and have been pleased with the positive impact so far. This work will continue during the Summer term.
- 🦉 The committee examined the Remote Learning provision and were pleased to note that the School's offer exceeded the standards expected in the Department for Education's Remote Education Provision Publication.

### Resources – Chair, Mr.Rak Rehal

- 🦉 As usual the Resources Committee have been working closely with the School to ensure that appropriate financial funding is in place to fully support operations during these challenging times.
- 🦉 The Committee has also supported the various sustainability actions the school is involved in. You will be aware that related to this we had Solar Panels installed, which demonstrates Danbury Park is a leading school in this initiative.

### Personnel – Chair, Mr.Peter Irvine

- 🦉 The wellbeing of staff and pupils remains an essential part of the committee's work; the School Covid Risk Assessment has been updated now the School has reopened.
- 🦉 Governor Risk Assessment Log: the risks associated with the Personnel Committee were reviewed and amended.

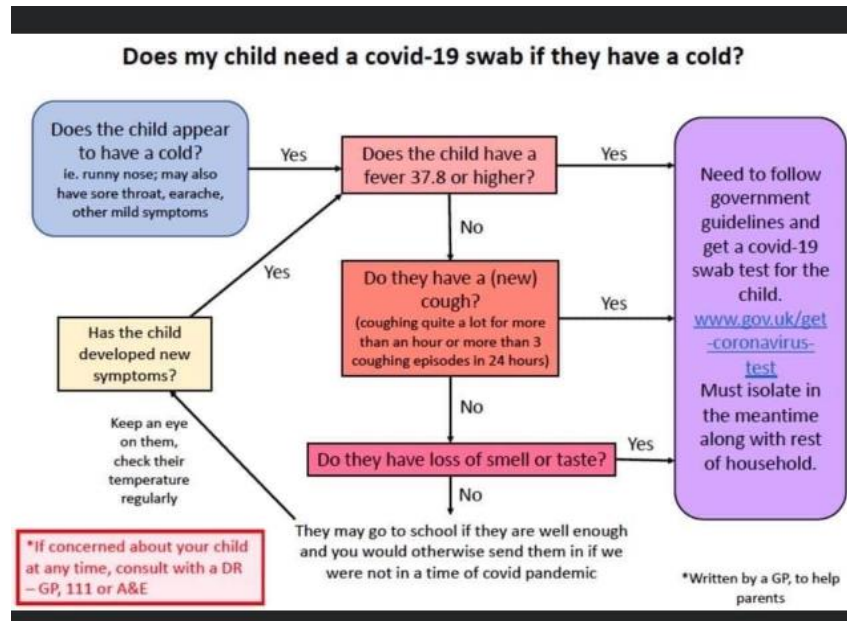
We also welcomed two new governors to the FGB – Mr.Nick Moore (Parent) and Mr.Paul Williams (Co-opted) - who will no doubt make effective contributions during their terms of office. The governors wish you and your families an enjoyable and safe Easter break.

Brenda Wray, Chair of Governors

## COVID-19 Support

Now that we are coming back to school and households will be mixing within class bubbles, it is vital that parents are vigilant for signs of COVID and act promptly. Please inform us if your child has suspected COVID or tests positive for COVID-19. **Please see the letter sent out via Parentmail on 25<sup>th</sup> March regarding arrangements for notifying school over the Easter break.**

We thought this might be useful to parents in trying to decide if their child needs a test.



## Safeguarding

Now that the children are getting used to being back in school and some of our older children are walking on their own, it would be a good time to remind them about road safety. Main Road and the roads around the village do get very busy in the mornings and at the end of the school day. A gentle refresher in road safety would go a long way!

In April we will be participating in the annual *Sustrans Big Pedal* event which inspires pupils, staff and parents to be amazing and take active journeys to school.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of their pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school. The school's best five days will determine our final position, but we can log journeys on all ten days if you wish.

More information will come after Easter.

## Children's Well-being

The Essex Wellbeing Service has developed a navigator service to both signpost and provide a triage service depending on the needs of our pupils and their families.

- To access the [Essex Wellbeing Service](#) navigators, phone this number: 0300 303 9988
- This is accessible from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- Families can use this directly, or request support from school.

Recovery and Return to Educational Settings suite of resources has two further webinars for families:

- Part 1: [Looking after yourself](#) (28mins)
- Part 2: [Looking after your family](#) (39mins)
- Essex Local Offer: [Coronavirus support wellbeing and mental health](#)

We have been asked to share these links with our families to provide you with some helpful advice and information to support you and your family's emotional wellbeing and mental health.

- The previous recovery and return to educational settings suite of resources can be found on the [Essex Infolink Covid-19 page](#).
- The Essential Living Fund is available for families who need emergency help with heating, water, food, bills and other essential household items. Families can call 0300 7900 124 (8:45am-5:00pm).  
[www.southend.gov.uk/ELFforessex](http://www.southend.gov.uk/ELFforessex)

National and local research findings are indicating that social, emotional and mental health needs continue to be a priority and concern. There are four themes that Essex County Council has prioritised:

- Essex's social, emotional and mental health pillars of support
- Disordered eating
- Self-injury (self-harm)
- Loneliness and isolation

If you need any support please contact either your child's class teacher or the office and we will be able to discuss any matters with you and help you find the right support.

## Community News

Danbury Park School continues to work with our local community and we will share with you each week information that we think families might find useful.

### Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Group and Loved by Danbury

These two groups are still operating in the village to support families in need. Please do not hesitate to contact them:

Stephanie Smith at [info@lovedbydanbury.co.uk](mailto:info@lovedbydanbury.co.uk) or the volunteer group on 07395 904761

### Danbury Library

Good news! Danbury Library re-opened on 10<sup>th</sup> March for its Click and Collect service.

They will be open for this on:

Wednesdays	2.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday	9.00am – 5.00pm
Saturdays	9.00am – 1.00pm

This is a great way to get hold of some new books. Please see the library for more details.



## Notification and Reminders

**Free School Meals** – Due to Covid-19 we understand that your circumstances may have changed or may change in the near future and you may now be eligible for free school meals. To check eligibility please contact Essex County Council on 0345 603 2200 or for more information and online application go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**Danbury Food Bank** - The Danbury Food Bank organised by the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer group is continuing to operate and is available to anyone who is currently struggling and families do not need any “official” referral. Donations have generously been made by local residents and businesses. Anyone can use this facility and it will be in the strictest confidence. Just phone the Danbury Coronavirus Volunteer Helpline, who will pass on details to the Food Bank on 07395 904761 or 07752 261274.

## School Lunches - Costs for Summer Term 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: 12 April – 28 May 2021 (excluding May 3<sup>rd</sup>) = 34 days at £2.25 = £76.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: 8<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 = 32 days at £2.25 = £72.00

**Total for the Summer Term = £148.50**

Please send monies in with your child via the book bags in a named envelope making cheques payable to **Danbury Park Primary School**. Please note the change of payee as we will have our own bank account next term. **We would encourage parents to pay in advance for meals and if possible for the whole half-term.** You will only pay for those meals that your child has and any credits will be carried forward to the next term. Thank you. Please note Key Stage 1 and EYFS are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

## School Lottery



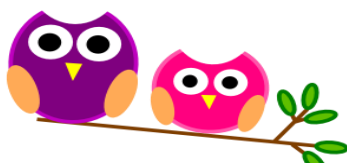
This term the School Lottery is giving away a prize that supporters will 'wheelie' want to win!

Everyone who supports our lottery before 17th April is in with a chance of winning an amazing £500 to spend on bikes and/or accessories at The Bike Factory.

Please support the School Lottery. The funds we raise mean we can do improvements that otherwise we could not afford such as the remodeling and refurbishment of the Early Years outdoor classroom. Our next project is to purchase some new reading books for the juniors.

Every ticket sold, helps us.

[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
[support@yourschoollottery.co.uk](mailto:support@yourschoollottery.co.uk)



# DPSA News



## Don't Forget Bag2school Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9am!



Please do have a clear out over the Easter holidays and donate unwanted clothes (adult and child but no embroidered uniform), paired shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, belts, ties, soft toys, and **also now household linen, duvet covers, pillow cases, towels and curtains**. Please use plain black bin bags or similar and do tie the bags up. We can no longer collect cushions, duvets, pillows or blankets. Please bring to the school **on the day only** and leave on the tarpaulin on the grass in the car park at the front of the school by **9am**. Neighbours, families and friends are welcome to donate too!

### Class B and D Reps needed for the Summer Term

If you are able to help class B or D acting as their Class Rep just for the summer term please let your current Rep know or email [sallyj@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallyj@doctors.org.uk) as soon as possible. The Rep would take over the parent contacts of the class and send out reminders for any DPSA related events that might be happening during the term. Thank you to Emily T and Clare G for all their help as Class Reps this year.

### Second-hand School Uniform

Second-hand school uniform items - jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE kit - are now being sold via Natalie W so please let her know what you are looking for by emailing her at [Westthorp222@mail.com](mailto:Westthorp222@mail.com) and she will be able to let you know what is in stock and arrange to get it to you. Items are now selling from £2 each. Any donations can be left in bags under the counter at the school office.

### The Big Childrens' Book Collection



The Big Book Collection of donated children's books over the last couple of years has added **several hundred books** to the school library. If you have any **good quality books or audio CDs** your children no longer use or have outgrown please leave them in a bag in the box by the school office. We are looking for all types of books in good condition from Early Years Foundation up to year 6 - fiction, poetry, non-fiction. Thank you.

### Other ways to help raise money for the school



Stikins code 5641



### Did you know we have a DPSA Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and make sure you know what's happening when. Our page is constantly updated so you never forget things important things.

**If you'd like to join our team organizing events and raising money for the school, please message us on Facebook and we'll be in touch.**

**Have a great Easter holidays.**

**The DPSA**





## Owl's Barn School Meals

Week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Week 1 Monday</b>	Homemade Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Southern Crumb Quorn Burger in a bun	White and Wholegrain Pasta Cucumber Sweetcorn	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Tutti Frutti Flapjack Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Tuesday</b>	Local Butcher's Pork Sausages or Vegan Sausages	Creamy Mashed Potato Baked Beans, Peas Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Jam Tart and custard Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Turkey in gravy or roast Quorn fillet both with Yorkshire Pudding	Mini Roast Potatoes Carrots, Cauliflower Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Peaches and Ice Cream with wafer Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Nuggets or Macaroni Cheese	White and Wholegrain Rice Sweetcorn Green Salad	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Shortbread Biscuit Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet or Omelette	Chips Peas Cucumber	<b>Key Stage 2 only</b> Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Red Velvet Cake Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt

## Dates for the Diary Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>**

9.00am

2.45pm

School re-opens after the Easter break

Whole school assembly via zoom

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

Let's Present

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>**

2.45pm

Whole school assembly via zoom

Full term dates for this academic year 2020-21 and for next 2021-22 are available on the school website. Dates for this term will follow shortly once we have a clearer understanding of what and how school events can be held during this time.

Yours sincerely

Carol Gooding  
Headteacher





# CHELMSFORD CITY FC

## FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY



### EASTER HOLIDAY SOCCER COURSE PROGRAMME

COURSE COST	DATE	TIME	AGE	VENUE	TOTAL
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#### SOCCER COURSES "YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE BEST, JUST THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE."

COURSE CODE	DATE	TIME	AGE	VENUE	TOTAL
CF1	29-30 MARCH (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	4-14	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (OUTDOOR)	£35
CF2	6-9 APRIL (4 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£50
CF3	6-9 APRIL (4DAYS)	9.30-12.30	4-6	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£30

#### GOALKEEPER COACHING SPECIALIST COACHING FOR THE ASPIRING GOALKEEPER

GK1	29-30 MARCH (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL (OUTDOOR)	£40
GK2	6-7 APRIL (2 DAYS)	9.30-2.30	6-14	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£40

!!!!FOR AN ADDITIONAL £20 GOALKEEPERS ON GK2 ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE LAST 2 DAYS OF THE SOCCER COURSE CF2!!!!

AGE BANDS CAN BE FLEXIBLE ON COURSES, PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

#### FOOTBALL IN THE PARK PERFECT SHORT TASTER SESSIONS. LOTS OF FUN WITH A BALL

CF4	8 APRIL	1.00-2.15	4-7	CHELMER PARK, GALLEYWOOD (OUTDOOR)	£5
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WE WILL BE FOLLOWING ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND FA ADVICE RE COVID 19

COME AND HAVE FOOTBALL FUN WITH QUALIFIED, DBS CHECKED COACHES.  
YOU WILL BE COACHED ACCORDING TO AGE AND ABILITY.

PLEASE LIKE OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CHELMSFORDCITYFCFOOTBALLINTHECOMMUNITY](https://www.facebook.com/chelmsfordcityfcfootballinthecommunity)

PLEASE BRING SUITABLE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FOR FOOTBALL OUTSIDE ON GRASS, PLENTY OF NON-FIZZY DRINK, A HEALTHY MORNING SNACK IF ON CF1,2,3 OR GK1 OR GK2, AND A PACKED LUNCH IF ON CF1,2 OR GK1 OR GK2

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPLICATION BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH PAYMENT TO:  
**CHRIS FINCH, FITC, 3 CLARK WAY, BROOMFIELD, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 7ZS.**  
(IF CONFIRMATION IS REQUIRED PLEASE TICK THE BOX FOR E-MAIL CONFIRMATION)  
**CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO CHELMSFORD CITY FC.**

For further details contact Chris Finch, Community Officer on 07990673213 or

stoppercoach@aol.com



COURSE CODE..... CHILDS NAME.....  
AGE.....

ADDRESS.....  
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MEDICAL PROBLEMS.....

PARENT'S E-MAIL.....

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE SENT INFO ON FUTURE COURSES VIA E-MAIL PLEASE TICK THE BOX ☐



IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES PLEASE TICK THE BOX  
IF YOU REQUIRE E-MAIL CONFIRMATION PLEASE TICK THE BOX ☐  
**YOUR INFORMATION IS NEVER SHARED WITH ANY THIRD PARTY AND IS ONLY USED IN REGARD TO PROMOTING CCFC FOOTBALL  
IN THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.**

PHONE.....EMERGENCY  
PHONE.....

SCHOOL.....FOOTBALL CLUB.....

**I AGREE TO CHECK FOR COVID 19 SYMPTOMS ANYONE FROM MY FAMILY ATTENDING EACH SESSION AND  
FOLLOW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES IF SYMPTOMS SUGGEST POSSIBLE INFECTION.**

I understand that Chelmsford City FC and its employees accept no liability for loss or damage to property or for  
personal injury however caused, except by negligence.

Signature; Parent/Guardian.....



**SUPPORTING FOOTBALL IN THE COMMUNITY**

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&  
DRAINAGE  
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