



The 5 Principles of Youth Football at Mursley United

The FA's guidance is clear.

Children's football is not adult football and it's not about adults picking winning teams. Fundamentally it's not about results. Children's football is not about short-term match wins, instead it's about long-term player development.

At MUFC, our fundamental aim is to provide children, at every level, with the opportunity to use their ability.

1. We have a kid's club that plays football, not a football club that plays kids.
2. We believe there will be plenty of time when kids grow up for teams to concentrate on winning, so please relax, stand back and 'let the game be the teacher'.
3. Children develop by playing, not by watching from the sidelines. The more pitch time they get, the faster they develop.
4. No child should be held back, so all should get equal time on the pitch
5. The noise from the touchline must be below that of the children on the pitch.

Please speak to our Welfare Manager and/or Officers if you'd like more advice on this document.

For those parents/guardians who are interested in our senior football (U18 onwards), then the document "**Player's Charter - The Mursley Way**" refers.