



## A player's message to parents:

Thanks for coming to support me today. As my friends and I play, I want you to remember a few things:

- I am here to have fun. Please encourage me and all of the other players no matter what team we play for.
- You are here representing me; please don't embarrass me by being negative, shouting or swearing.
- Please don't stand too close to the pitch as this can distract me from my game and I can't concentrate properly.
- There are referees who are doing their best so please don't question their decisions, our coaches will give us help if we need it.
- Please don't coach me from the side, my coach is here to teach me and too many instructions may confuse me.
- I think doing my best and learning to play is more important than winning. Ask me if I had fun, don't blame me or my team-mates if we lose.
- Praise me for good skills, discipline, sportsmanship and effort. These are the things that make me a real winner
- Don't criticise my mistakes, I will be scared to try things again. Mistakes will make me better because I will learn from them.
- Please do challenge any spectators who behave in the wrong way. Tell them that we don't allow negative behavior.
- We all have responsibilities to look after our fantastic pitch and facilities. Please help out and clean up behind you.

I hope to make you proud of me.

Please make me proud of you too!