

22nd January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wildcats After School Club 2024




We are delighted to announce that we have once again been selected as a Wildcats centre by the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association.

Wildcats is an initiative launched by The FA designed to inspire girls aged 5-11 to be involved in football. Wildcats centres provide girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment.

The FA's Research & Insight team have found that SSE Wildcats Centres are having a significant positive impact in developing a lasting football habit amongst girls. Research from 2017 showed that the centres have made football fun for girls as well as developing their technical skills. As a result of this, girls are now more than twice as likely to join a team outside of school. Of the girls who took part in the centres, the number playing structured football has also risen by 23% (49% → 72%) since they took part. *"The all-female environment amongst friends, key to nurturing the girls' passion for football, has given many of the girls confidence to take the next step on their footballing pathway: club football."*

We will be running our Wildcats Centre at Hunter's Bar on Fridays 3.30-4.30pm after school starting on 23rd February 2024. The sessions will provide an ideal opportunity for the girls to learn new skills and have fun whilst playing football. The cost of each session will be £3.00 with the total for all 16 sessions being £48. For children in receipt of free school meals this club will be £24. Once signed up you will be given an option to pay via sQuid. If difficulty in paying for this club would prevent your child from attending, please contact the school office. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

You will need to speak to the office to obtain the link to sign up and select the Book multiple sessions option  **Book multiple sessions** to select all 16 sessions..

Centres are also open to participants from outside of School but as we are hosting this within the school grounds our pupils have been given first refusal to take part.

I would encourage any of our girls in Years 3 to 6 to take up this unique opportunity to experience being part of this exciting club.

Yours sincerely,

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