CARRICKFERGUS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION - ULSTER

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MINI / MAXI RUGBY SECTION

Dear Parents

September has come around again and the Mini Rugby season is upon us, peaceful Saturday mornings are a thing of the past, we are now back to Mini Rugby Training and in a few weeks, our match schedule. I'd like to welcome you all to Carrickfergus Rugby Club, seasoned campaigners and newcomers alike. Last season we had a terrible year, with games and training sessions being cancelled due to bad weather, we are hoping for better weather and we have secured another pitch to help spread the squads about.

Our experienced coaches will work hard to improve the skill levels of your children throughout the season, so that they will enjoy the game and are prepared to step up to the next level of age grade rugby.

We have put together a schedule of training and games that we hope will suit everyone, we are still waiting on some fixtures to be confirmed, so the list may be subject to change, as you can see we have some away fixtures and as in previous years, we would ask that you make your own travel arrangements, details will be made available on the club web site and from the relevant coaches.

Training and home games kick off at 9.30am SHARP, we would ask that your child is ready to start at this time as there is a big demand on the pitches with our Youth teams coming along behind us. We would also ask that you pick your child up at 10.30am, and please ensure that they are supervised going from the pitch to your car, as the car park can be a little hectic at this time.

We would appreciate it if you would ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, we feel that layers are more suitable rather than one heavy top or jacket.

If your child requires any Carrickfergus RFC rugby kit please visit the Club Website and go to the Kukri Shop.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MOUTHGUARD, these can be bought cheaply at most sports shops.

At all home games, our visitors and our own players will get Hotdogs and drinks after the match.

When the children get into the P7 squad, it is normal to take the squad on Tour, so the boys, girls and parents will be fund raising throughout the season and the P7 parents will be selling hotdogs and bacon baps on a Saturday morning, in an effort to raise funds for this tour, your support would be appreciated.

All the relevant forms, Membership, Code of Conduct, IRFU Registration form and Fixture list are enclosed. I would ask you to please fill the forms in fully and I would also ask that Membership Forms be returned as soon as possible and by the end of **SEPTEMBER** at the latest.

If your child is coming to mini rugby for the first time, you should also complete the IRFU registration form, and will need a photocopy of their birth certificate. Once registered they will be given a registration number which they will use all the way through to adult rugby.

We would encourage you all to use the club web site to check on the status of games and training or cancellations; we will still need your contact details from the membership forms as well.

Web site:- www.carrickrfc.co.uk/forum and go to Mini Rugby

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