

# CARRICKFERGUS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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AFFILIATED TO THE IRISH RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION – ULSTER BRANCH

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our newly refurbished home in Carrick Rugby Club. We hope you and your child enjoy what should be a rewarding and interesting season. This year we have incorporated more matches for the children and shall be implementing a new training regime based on quality more than quantity. Our team of experienced coaches are primed and ready to invigorate the teams. Hopefully this shall encourage and develop your child's skills both on and off the field.

We would ask that your child is at the club and ready to start for **09.30hrs Sharp!!** If you are leaving them at the club you should return at **10.30hrs**. Please note this is slightly earlier than previous years as we need more parental control at the end of the sessions as this allows us to concentrate on the coaching role more than "crowd control" after the rugby ceases.

We would appreciate it if you would ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Due to our inclement weather, we feel layers are more suitable rather than one heavy top or jacket. Last season was frankly a bit of a disaster weather wise and hopefully this season will be better. The early starts for the Mini rugby leave us more susceptible to the frozen ground than the other age groups. Unfortunatley we can do nothing about this and thank you for your patience in advance.

Regarding travel arrangements for the season you will see we have Home & Away matches. We ask you to make your own travel arrangements. The notice board and the club web site should give you all the relevant information for the forthcoming week re which teams are to supply food, which parents are to help with serving sandwiches etc but do not be afraid to pick up the phone to the coaches or myself. Parents are asked to provide **half** a loaf of sandwiches at different times of the season for the visiting teams and our children. We do this in year groups so please ensure you know when it is your turn. This information will be displayed on the information board and your coaches will also notify you.

If matches or training sessions are cancelled, we endeavour to inform you by text ASAP, please ensure that your coaches have your correct contact details and an e-mail address so that you are informed.

Please note that along with renovating the entire club house we have also installed state of the art kitchen facilities and have a full time caterer now to serve food Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Along with a membership form for the children we would ask that you consider joining the Rugby Club as a parent to enjoy the new facilities and avail of the benefits. An Associate Social membership is only £30 per year!

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