



## ***Keep it [+]* Parent**

Let's stamp out negativity

Bad behaviour caused by a parent is often a form of violent, foul language, harassment or abuse.

Simply put, any bad behaviour from a parent is bad for sport. At its worst, negativity caused by a parent reduces enjoyment, tarnishes clubs, can lead to drop out and risks safety.

Football can do without any negativity. Play your part – stamp out ugly sporting behaviour.

### **What parents can do**

Parents can help create a positive football environment and reduce bad behaviour by being good role models. To do this:

Encourage fair play

- Respect opponents, spectators and officials
- Thank the officials and opposition after the game – teach your children to do the same

Respect officials

- Accept decisions by officials – they are only human and can make mistakes
- Deal with any issues in a controlled and parental manner after the game.

Keep your emotions in check

- Be enthusiastic, but don't scream instructions from the sideline
- Don't get into shouting matches with anyone
- Never use bad language or harass others.

Uphold your clubs code of conduct

- Understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct for coaches

Let's keep kids having fun

- Help kids enjoy football
- Emphasise trying hard and having fun, not only winning
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake

***It takes All Sorts to make the game great, what sort are you?***

