



Dear Parents

2018/2019 SEASON - THANK YOU!

It seems like yesterday I was writing my last end of season letter, but 12 months and another season have indeed passed and once again the first thing to say is a massive thank you for all your efforts and support. It has been another season of success for the club – our Under 16s ended their Vectis Youth journey by winning the Mid Solent League and Cup double, our Under 13s were Isle of Wight Cup winners and at the end of May our Under 13s girls team won a mainland tournament in Sussex. Our U15s and U16s were IOW league runners up and we also had numerous other fantastic tournament performances across various age groups.

For the newer parents among you, Vectis Youth was founded in 2014 with 6 teams, and we now cater for over 175 boys and girls ranging from 5 to 16 years old across 16 teams and, after successfully achieving FA Charter Development Club status in 2017, I am pleased to say we have once again been successful in renewing this for 2019/20. We are also very close to securing FA Charter Community Club status and would be the only the third club on the island to achieve this, and the only one not backed by an established island football club.

Next season we will have teams playing in the Mid Solent Saturday League, the IOW Sunday Youth League, IOW Girls League and Hampshire Cups. We have also been successful in our aim of starting an adult team for the coming 2019/20 season and have been accepted into the Isle of Wight Second Division. This is a big step for the club and will provide a team for our older age groups to feed into, so that our Under 16s who finished in youth football this season can carry on and play under the Vectis FC banner.

It is important to re-iterate that as part of our commitment to the FA Charter each age group in the club has at least one Coach with a recognised FA coaching qualification and all volunteers are police checked. Your management committee meets every month throughout the year and each age group has a suitable representative at these meetings. We have updated the pack of information about how the club works, our club ethos, training, matches, child welfare, finances and key contact details which can be viewed on our website, Facebook page or sent on request.

You may also have read about our efforts to find a new ground to allow us to continue to expand. We have had positive meetings with both the landowners, the Football Foundation and the FA over a site in Arreton and will continue to keep you posted as this exciting project progresses.

With all of the good news also comes a challenge – as we grow as a club so does our cost base, with winter training venues, the hire of Newchurch and our commitment to providing FA licensed coaching to all children increasing our expenditure significantly. Having reviewed our finances and budgets for next season, we are able to keep subs at the same level for the 6th season running. We are however exploring whether we will need to increase marginally for the 2020/21 season, but we will of course keep you updated. In that regard, the club is always looking for sponsors so if you know of any business or organisation who would like to get involved then please do get in touch.

Finally, all of the committee would like to thank you again for your ongoing support through the season. It is a pleasure to have your children play for Vectis and the smiles and laughter we see make the hours put in worthwhile. Given the size of club and availability of the venue at Newclose, our annual awards presentation this season takes place over two Saturdays, 22nd and 29th June, from 6-9pm. Please check our Facebook page or speak to your manager for more details. Both evenings will be a fantastic celebration of all the boys' and girls' efforts and we look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

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Chairman

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Parents Update Pack - May 2019

We ask your attention to be drawn to the club documents detailed below, all of which can be sent to you by email should you request them or can be found at www.vectisyouthfc.co.uk/respect:

- Coaches' Code of Conduct
- Players Code of Conduct (Youth)
- Parent's Code of Conduct

Attached with this letter are some brief guidance notes on

- Child Protection
- Training and Coaching
- Match Organisation
- Costs
- Key club contact details

1.0 CHILD PROTECTION

- Child Protection is a vital part of what we do as a football club and a cornerstone of our FA Charter Standard Status.
- No Adult is allowed to join in with any training session unless they have completed their CRC application and have been cleared by the Child Welfare Officer, or they are accompanied by a member of the Vectis Committee.
- If an Adult is taking part regularly then they must complete a CRC application through the Child Welfare Officer.
- The club provides first aid kits and one is to be present at each and every session.
- Codes of Conducts are provided for Club Officials, parents and players and are to be strictly adhered to. (A signed copy needs to be held by the Club Secretary)
- In the event of a potential Child protection issue contact the Child Welfare Officer (CWO) at the first opportunity – our CWO is Stuart Harris who can be contacted via vectisyouthcwo@outlook.com
- **Any such issue is confidential and communication will be restricted to the CWO only, unless the CWO feels the need to contact appropriate authorities.**

2.0 TRAINING AND COACHING

- Training is vital to the growth and development of both the individual player but the team as a whole. The Club is dedicated to providing a minimum of 1 hour of FA qualified coaching per week for 48 weeks a year.

- Training is held at our home ground of Newchurch between July and October and March and May. During the winter months we hire all weather facilities. Wherever possible the club will try to ensure that facilities are booked to fit in with the schedule parents are used to, although this isn't always possible due to availability of venues.
- The FA Charter Status sets rules for coaching standards, a minimum of a level 1 FA Coach must be present for every session. No session is allowed to take place unless a coach is available. Non-qualified helpers must be supervised at all times.
- All Vectis Coaches are encouraged to develop their skills and under FA guidelines must undertake some football related course once every 3 years and must undertake yearly CPD to ensure that they are up to date with requirements.

3.0 MATCH ORGANISATION

- Matches are organised by the IOW League Divisional Secretaries responsible for each age group, these details are passed to our Club secretary who will pass the details to each team manager. Anyone can access fixtures at the FA Full Time website, www.fulltime.thefa.com
- U7, U8, U9 and U10 play mini-soccer (U7 & U8 5v5, U9 & U10 7v7)
- U11 and U12 play 9v9 format
- U13 and older play 11v11 format
- Up to and including Under 11 age group, actual results and league tables cannot be published, this includes the club social media as well as our own personal accounts, however you are of course welcome to congratulate your children on good performances and victories.
- In mini-soccer it is usual for a parent to referee each game and should you wish to help out in this regard please speak to your manager. The Club is willing to fund the cost of any parents wishing to take mini soccer refereeing courses.
- Club Policy is, wherever possible, to try and give all players an even chance to play, particularly at the younger age groups. **The Club ethos is all about inclusion and enjoyment, particularly during the mini-soccer years.**
- Good communication between coaches, managers, parents and players is key. Remaining positive in our communication at all levels is an essential part of the club ethos.
- The Club has signed up to the Respect Campaign and will not tolerate any poor practices or behaviour by coaches, managers, committee members, players or parents.

- Parents are reminded that our home ground at Newchurch is a strictly non-smoking venue on the grass. Any parents wishing to smoke can do so in the car park. Dogs are also not permitted on the grassed area whilst games or training are taking place. We thank you for your co-operation on these matters.

4.0 COSTS

- All monthly subscriptions and signing on fees should be paid into the club bank account via standing order. Bank details are listed below together with the relevant paying in dates for each age group for the 2019/20 season. This assists our treasurer immensely in organising the finances of the club!

Account Name: Vectis Youth FC
 Account number: 41728568
 Sort code: 30-97-25

Girls & Under 7:	3 rd of the month
Under 8s:	5 th of the month
Under 9s:	7 th of the month
Under 10s:	9 th of the month
Under 11s*:	11 th of the month
Under 12s:	13 th of the month
Under 13s:	15 th of the month
Under 14s*:	17 th of the month
Under 16s:	19 th of the month

**Under 11s & 14s also to cover the cost of mainland travel for Mid Solent League games*

- Monthly subs (£20) are payable 11 months of the year from July to May. The subs and signing on fees (£35 per season per player, second child half price signing on) contribute towards the running costs of the club. These include all pitch hire, equipment costs, coaching costs, league fees, insurance, winter training facility costs and kit. The girls teams pay lower monthly subs of £12 due to less fixtures.
- The club aims to attract sponsors for each age group to assist with new kit purchases. Sponsors must not be involved with Alcohol or Smoking based concerns in accordance with FA guidelines. All Sponsors need to be cleared by the Club Committee. If you know of any sponsors who may wish to become involved, please let your manager know.

5.0 KEY CONTACT DETAILS

Club Position	Holders Name	Email address
Chairman	James Brewer	james.brewer24@googlemail.com
Secretary	Ian Curry	lancurry84@aol.com
Treasurer	Vicki Brewer	brewvix@talktalk.net
Child Welfare Officer	Stuart Harris	vectisyouthcwo@outlook.com
Charter Standard Co-ordinator	Stuart Harris	harriss@binsteadpri.co.uk