



A big welcome to our new members of the South Woodham Ferrers United Development Squad, and welcome back to those that were with us last season.

The development squad provides a safe and fun environment for 3-5 year old children to start their football journey, learning basic skills and rules of the game while also making new friends.

The sessions are run on Saturday mornings from 9-10am on the 3G pitch at the South Woodham Ferrers Leisure Centre. All sessions are run and supported by SWFU approved coaches who have completed the necessary DBS checks and FA training.

We are a community club and each team consists entirely of volunteers. We will therefore be asking for your support during the year and volunteers to step forward to start participating in the sessions. If you are interested in getting involved further, please let Kevin or Darren know and they will be able to discuss this further. We do recommend early engagement and have seen over the years the benefits that this can bring. Help is always welcome even if your child is not yet at the age to form a team!

While part of the Development Squad, your primary contacts at the club will be Kevin Mandy and Darren Thompson.. They will be in attendance on Saturday's and available to help and answer any questions you may have.

Finally, we request for payments to be made by direct debit on a monthly basis for £10. The club will communicate the registration process later this month, ready for October. Once registered for direct debits, your child will receive their 'Woody Membership' card which is to be presented at the gate each week upon arrival. As a Woody member, they will also be provided with a Development Squad training top free of charge.

For the moment we will continue to accept payments 'on the door' each week but this will be cashless payments only. The direct debits can be cancelled at any time, in the unlikely event your child no longer wants to attend the sessions.

I know it is a lot to take in so well done for reading this far!

We look forward to getting to know you all and providing your children with and enjoyable introduction to football at South Woodham Ferrers United.

If you have any questions, please do speak with any of the SWFU team.

- Kevin, Darren



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