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Game On Development Centre

What is it?

Game On began in 2001 and currently coaches over 10,000 Primary School children every year. The Development Centre started in 2013 when we wanted to create a group that bridged the gap between 'Football for all' and professional Football club's Academies. As the group would be 'invite only' we hoped it would create an environment where children develop faster as they are working with their peers of a similarly high ability level. As with all levels of football the emphasis is on enjoyment but since we have started we have seen numerous children excel in their individual techniques and their game understanding.

Two Centres

We have two Development Centres that mirror each other in terms of quality and content. Players from the local areas are invited to the centre that suits best. We ask parents to ensure their child arrives promptly at the start time. With both centres children have the option of wearing moulded boots or astroturf trainers.

The Game On Development Centre Watford will train every Wednesday evening from 5:50pm to 7:00pm and will take place on the astroturf at St Michael's School (High Elms Lane, Watford, WD25 0SS).

This centre is organised by Andy Wheeler-King – Tel: 07840384461

The Game On Development Centre Tring will train every Monday evening from 5:45pm to 6:45pm and will take place on the astroturf at Tring Sports Centre (Mortimer Hill, Tring, HP23 5JD).

This centre is organised by Joe Rusling – Tel: 07956 750360

How It Will Work

Your child will be placed in a group of similar aged children and work with an FA Level 2 or 3 coach. Each group follows a pre-determined scheme of work which will be emailed to you separately. We will have a separate group for goalkeepers who will cover their own scheme of work but then integrate with their peers for matches at the end of the sessions.

Game On's scheme of work covers a variety of topics from individual techniques to game understanding, with the aim to cover all areas that we would expect a child to be able to achieve by the end of that season. The training is for footballers who want to improve, therefore we expect children to come to learn and try their best. The sessions will be enjoyable and give everyone an opportunity to mix with children from different schools but ultimately, we are trying to help the children to progress.

Please note that each week players may be asked to move groups depending on any changes of circumstances such as a match being played, number of children in attendance or the topic a certain group is focusing on.

Cancelled Sessions

In the event of EXTREME bad weather we don't have any indoor facilities, so we will text all parents no later than 5pm to inform you if the session has to be cancelled. We are also subject to any last minute changes made by the venues we use and should this be the case, we will inform you as soon as possible of any changes. We do work on the basis that within a season one session is likely to be cancelled due to the weather but should more than one session be missed we will organise a replacement or a credit note.

Clothing

To reduce the overall costs to parents we don't ask you to buy the clothing. We will provide Game On Development Centre players with a PUMA kit to train in every week. This will include socks, shorts, t-shirt, jumper, under garment, rain jacket and a hat for the winter. We require each player to arrive ready in their complete training kit in order to maintain a professional standard and not wear additional items. Players must wear shin pads and correct footwear. They can wear their own gloves but we would like them to please refrain from wearing anything around their necks. If any item of clothing is lost or damaged then parents would be expected to meet the cost to replace the item (The details below are correct as of 1st July 2022).

Rain Jacket £25, Jumper £15, Shirt £10, Shorts £7, Socks £4.50, Base Layer £9

If a child ever grows out of an item let us know and we will swap it.

In the event a child leaves the Game On Development Centre all items (Except the socks) would need to be returned. If these aren't then parents would need to meet the cost.

Payments

You will be asked to pay for the development centre in three separate instalments: Autumn term, Spring Term and Summer term

We will email out a sign up sheet with all details at least a month before the start of each term. And you will be required to complete payment via bank transfer or cheque made payable to Game On before the first training session of each term. As you will appreciate we have numerous costs so payment needs to be by the deadline for your child to continue working with the development centre.

Additional Benefits

Game On will attempt to organise at least two holiday camps throughout the year which will be free to Game On players. Full details of these will be emailed out to you at least four weeks before the event.

Game On Development players will also receive the following:

- Every Year we run a competition to win a pair of England tickets
- 50% discount off all Game On Holiday Clubs
- 20% discount off any Game On Extra Curricular Club that is run at your child's school
- 10% discount of a Game On Birthday Party

If you need any further assistance with this then please do not hesitate to ask.

Matches

We will try and organise matches throughout the year against professional clubs, academies similar to ours and against local teams for match practice. We will aim to play these on our training evening but depending on the opposition this may not be possible.

We also will try and arrange as many matches as possible against professional local academies. In the past we have played against MK Dons, Watford, Tottenham, Stevenage, Luton and QPR Academies, and this has provided a good opportunity for our boys to go on and gain further trials at these clubs in order to develop themselves further. These matches will almost definitely require you to travel to their training ground in order to play. However they are amazing opportunities for the players which will not come around too often.

At the end of the season we also will enter each age group into at least one local six a side tournament. We appreciate that there may be some clash with your child's Sunday team so we will try and arrange this with plenty of notice for both sides.

Please note with most matches we are limited to a specific number of children being allowed to play. In the event we have too many players we will select those children who we feel are best suited to play.

We will email you match details as soon as we have them. We will need to provide you with a deadline on your response as we have a limited spaces available for each match.

We appreciate your situation can change last minute in case of emergency but we do ask that once you have committed to a game you attend as it could have major implications to the entire match going ahead and the enjoyment of other children.

End Of Term

At the end of each term, the Game On coaches will provide each child with a report card which notes each players area of strength, areas to improve and an overall evaluation of their development during the term in which they have just completed. We will aim to be as honest as possible with each player and focus on their strengths and an area to improve on

There must also be an understanding from parents and players that the Game On Development Centre is 'Invitation Only' and each child's situation is reviewed throughout the season. If we or you feel your child is struggling with the demands of the training sessions, then we may need to consider it's in your child's best interests to continue attending or if it would be more appropriate for them to return to their extra curricular clubs. Ultimately football should be about enjoyment and playing with children of similar abilities.

Parent Consent Form & Code of Conduct

Parents have a vital role in a child's development and we ask that you read, understand and abide by our codes of conduct – see below. We also require a parent to complete a consent form so we can retain the necessary information that we require.

This can be completed at

<https://gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/development-centre-registration-form/>

Further information on Game On's Privacy Policy may be found on our website - <https://gameonsportscoaching.co.uk/privacy-policy/> Game On may take photos of the Elite Squad training and

Weekend Football

The Game On Development Centre provided no clash whatsoever with any weekend football. We, in fact, encourage your child to also be playing for local sides and use the opportunity to practice and develop further. As the children get older we do notice a significant difference in a child's development if they play for a Sunday team as well. We have a limited time with each child and the additional coaching with Sunday teams often provides a child with a greater understanding of the game and their techniques will develop faster. We have a number of links with local clubs across Hertfordshire so if you require any assistance on joining local Sunday sides then please do not hesitate to let us know.



Game On Development Centre Code of Conduct: Parents

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Game On Development Centre is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

When attending matches and training session with the Game On Development Centre I will:

- Remember that children are learning and that they play for FUN and ENJOYMENT!!
- Ensure that my child is ready to play and has the correct training kit, shin pads and a water bottle
- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided).
- Let the coaches' coach and not confuse the players by telling them any conflicting ideas
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Assist my child with understanding their own decisions and sportsmanship.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Always respect the coaches' and match officials' decisions and encourage your child to do likewise
- I will respond to all correspondence as quickly as possible, whether we can or cannot attend. If your situation changes we require at least 72 hours notice unless under extreme circumstances. Failure to attend matches that I have committed to can have a serious impact on other players enjoyment and participation.
- If I am unhappy with anything that is taking place then I will speak directly to coaches in private.
- In the event that my child leaves the development centre for whatever reason, I will return all items of clothing at the earliest opportunity and understand failure to do so will result in me paying the costs to replace the items.

As a parent, we appreciate your cooperation in explaining and reinforcing to children that positions may vary from their positions with other teams. Our coaches will evaluate those children who attend the Development Centre and decide what is best for the team or the individual.

Finally, I understand that Game On's Development Centre is an Invitation Only club. Therefore if we or you feel your child is struggling with the demands of the training sessions then we may require a conversation about your child continuing their attendance with the development centre.