

St Paul's British Primary Football Club

Welcome to St Paul's British Primary F.C. Our club, which was set up in 1994, is run on voluntary basis on behalf of the school's Parents Association. Its aim is to provide a fun and relaxed environment to learn the skills of football and general team spirit. Our football groups run from 'reception age' (4.5 – 5 years) through to 'year 3' (7-8 years). Many of our children later go on to play for larger clubs in the area like Vossem Greunsjotters (www.greunsjotters.be) or Wezembeek Wanders (www.wezwa.eu)

Some practical information

When do we play?

We play on Saturday mornings during St Paul's British Primary term times. The dates for September 2009 to June 2010 are:

Outdoor Season

September – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

October – 3rd, 10th, 17th

Indoor Season

November – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

December – 12th

January – 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

February – 6th, 27th

March – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Note: There is NO football on Saturday 5th December as the hall is not available for our use.

Outdoor Season

April 24th

May 1st, 8th, 15th

June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

July 3rd

Outdoor Season – All teams play from 10am until 11am

Indoor Season – Reception Group play from 11am until 12am and all other groups remain at 10am – 11am

Where do we play?

One of the benefits of our School's great relationship with the local community is the availability of both indoor and outdoor venues. During the winter months, this allows our younger players to enjoy the game without fear of the rain and mud! Once they are a bit older of course this becomes all part of the attraction!

Outdoor Location: From September to the autumn half term we have the use of the Vossem Football pitches. When parking, to respect the local residents, please park by the cemetery. This restriction doesn't apply to team coaches (due to kit they carry).

Indoor Location: During the winter months, (from autumn half term until Easter) we have the use of the De Steenberg sports hall, Moorsel where there is a car park available.

Directions to training locations

Directions to Vossem training ground

(From N3 Leuvensesteenweg, take Sint Pauluslaan into Vossem. At Crossroads of Smisstraat and Dorpsplein (Vossem Church is down the road to the left) go straight over. (Sint Pauluslaan becomes Kouterstraat). At the next crossroads (about 200 metres further on) continue straight into Kerkhofstraat (slightly offset to the right). This small lane leads to the church cemetery carpark (Kerkhof). Park here and walk up to the training ground via the footpath in the far corner of the car park.)

Unless you are a coach please do not park on the field itself!

Directions to De Steenberg, Moorsel (inside hall)

From Tervuren

Take Leuvensesteenweg in the direction of Leuven. Turn left at the traffic lights, signed towards Moorsel, onto Waalse baan (which turns into Moorselstraat after 200 metres or so). Continue on this road for approx 2km in the direction of Moorsel. Take the 4th right into Streekstaart. There is a small brown sign on the corner of this road directing you to De Steenberg. Pass Het Gulden Spoor Riding stables on your left. Turn left at the first crossroads into Vinkenlaan. Follow the road for about 600 metres and take the first left into Spechtenlaan which leads into De Steenberg car park. Drive round to the back, passing the sports hall on your left and park in the car park there. Enter into the hall and we will be there.

From Vossem

Take Leuvensesteenweg direction Tervuren. At the traffic lights at the top of the hill turn right signed towards Moorsel, onto Waalse baan (which turns into Moorselstraat after 200 metres or so). Continue on this road for approx 2km in the direction of Moorsel. Take the 4th right into Streekstaart. There is a small brown sign on the corner of this road directing you to De Steenberg. Pass Het Gulden Spoor Riding stables on your left. Turn left at the first crossroads into Vinkenlaan. Follow the road for about 600 metres and take the first left into Spechtenlaan which leads into De Steenberg car park. Drive round to the back, passing the sports hall on your left and park in the car park there. Enter into the hall and we will be there.

What to wear?

Shorts and T-shirts are good wear, together with a sweater for outdoors. As the children become more involved many like to wear 'football strips' of their favorite teams.

Children must wear shin guards and good strong trainers or football boots. Studs are recommended outside as it can get slippery (molded plastic – not metal studs) but indoor football boots or trainers must be used when we play 'indoors' (no studs).

What else?

Snack

The 'typical' training hour involves half an hour of football skills and half an hour of 'game' (depending on the group). The coaches usually break half way to allow the players to get a drink and maybe a small snack. Please would you bring these along for your child.

Fees

The subs for the academic year are 60 euros. You are asked to pay the coordinator, on the first Saturday of play, by putting the correct money into a sealed envelope (marked clearly with your child's name).

Our fees are paid 'annually'. If your family should move location or to another activity you can be reimbursed for any 'full' terms not played. If this is applicable, you should notify the coordinator you would like a refund, otherwise your subs will be considered a 'donation' to the Parents Association. After club expenses, all money is used on fun and exciting 'non curriculum' items for the children of St Paul's British Primary.

Rain

During the 'outdoor season' we continue to play during 'light rain'. However, should there be heavy rain the Football Administrator will consult with one of the coaches as to whether play should go ahead. Should 'rain stop play' then **an email will be sent by 9:30am on the Saturday morning.**

Club Policies

1. Parental Responsibilities

The club is run on a voluntary basis throughout, from coordinator to coaches. As such, it is necessary that parents (or assigned carer) attend with their child and watch 'pitch side'. Accidents are rare but when they do happen the children prefer to have their parents (or an adult they know well) in attendance. Parents should also ensure that their children have medical insurance.

2. Safety

By the very nature of a family event we often have many siblings come to watch the football. We very much welcome them but do ask that parents keep a close eye on them during the games. This is of particular importance when we move indoors to the sports centre in Moorsel. As it is a gymnasium there is a lot of equipment at the sides of the courts. It is very tempting for children to want to climb on this equipment but it can be very dangerous. This includes the 'year 1 court' where beams rest on brackets along the wall. For the safety of the children and other spectators we ask that you DO NOT allow your children to run around or climb on the equipment.

3. Behaviour

The Club's priority is learning football skills in a fun-and-pressure-free environment where children can also learn what it is to be a good 'sportsperson' accepting all those that play around them.

The coaches very much value the cooperation of parents should they witness their child behaving in a disruptive manner.

4. Attendance

We are very proud that our Football Club is popular amongst young and developing players which often means we have waiting lists for each group. Due to this we have a system whereby players forfeit their club membership if they do not attend for three consecutive weeks (unless e-mail notice is provided to the coordinator). Should no reason be provided for absence then the player's place will be given to the next child on the waiting list.

5. Coaches – Volunteers Needed

We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of coaches who are all volunteers! We try to have a system where there are four coaches per year group. This way there are always at least two coaches, at a session, despite holidays/illness/business trips. The nature of our environment means we often lose great coaches as they move away. If you are interested please do let the coordinator know!

We very much look forward to welcoming your young footballer to our club. Should you have any questions then please contact the club coordinator.

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