



DARTFORD FC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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BUILD A HOME GROWN TEAM

- OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN QUALIFICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE WORK EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT .
- PROVIDE A PATHWAY FROM GRASSROOTS YOUTH TEAMS INTO THE ACADEMY AND FIRST TEAM.





ELLIOTT BRADBROOK | DARTFORD CAPTAIN , FORMER OAKFIELD PUPIL

DARTFORD FC HAS BASED ITSELF OVER THE YEARS TO BE AT THE HEART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. FOLLOWING THE CLUBS PROMOTION BACK THROUGH THE KENT LEAGUE TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE THE TEAM WAS BUILT AROUND FANS FAVOURITE ELLIOTT BRADBROOK, A FORMER PUPIL AT OAKFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY. ELLIOTT SCORED 142 GOALS IN 444 APPEARANCES FOR THE DARTS AND IS NOW A TRUSTEE OF THE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.



STEVE IRVING | DARTFORD FC CHAIRMAN, FORMER BRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPIL

STEVE IRVING HAS BEEN DARTFORD FC DIRECTOR SINCE 1992. STEVE HAS OVERSEEN THE SUCCESS OF THE CLUB SINCE IT'S RELAUNCH IN 1992, INCLUDING SEEING THE CLUB MOVE TO PRINCES PARK IN 2006. IN 2015 STEVE BECAME CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CLUB, AND IN MARCH 2025 BECAME CHAIRMAN. STEVE WAS ALSO A FORMER STUDENT AT ANOTHER LOCAL SCHOOL, THE BRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL. HE HAS SINCE WELCOMED CURRENT BRENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS PUPILS TO PRINCES PARK FOR A STADIUM TOUR AND Q&A.

BUILDING AND SUSTAINING A HOME GROWN TEAM:



‘OUR AIM IS TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND A PATHWAY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS TO GAIN EXPERIENCES AND QUALIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS INDUSTRY TO THEN IMPACT THE FUTURE STUDENTS IN THE DARTFORD AREA.’

DARREN PHILLIPS – STRATEGIC LEAD

HOME GROWN TEAM

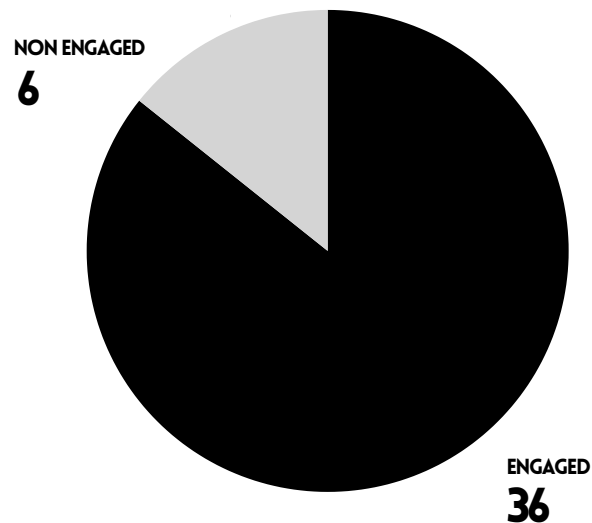
LOCAL IMPACT

- ADDRESSING SOCIAL ISSUES, WHILE PROVIDING FUN AND EXCITING ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AT PRINCES PARK AND ACROSS THE DA POSTCODE.
- OFFER A FIRST-CLASS EXPERIENCE TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN ANY DARTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB COMMUNITY PROGRAMME INITIATIVE.
- PROVIDE EXPERIENCES THAT CREATE DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE CLUB ON A REGULAR BASIS, SUPPORTING THE CLUB AT MATCHES AND BUILDING THE FAN-BASE OF THE FUTURE.

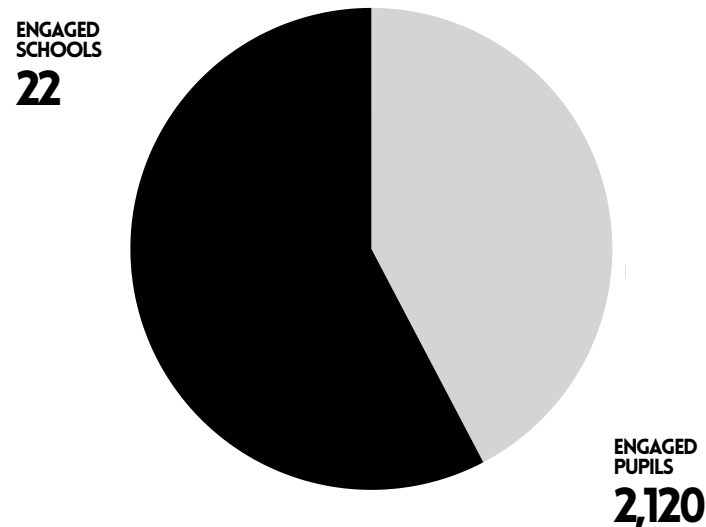


- WE WANT TO OFFER THOSE PARTICIPATING IN ANY DARTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB COMMUNITY PROGRAMME INITIATIVES A FIRST-CLASS EXPERIENCE THAT WILL SEE THEM CONTINUE TO RETURN TO THE CLUB ON A REGULAR BASIS, SUPPORTING THE CLUB AT MATCHES AND BUILDING THE FAN-BASE FOR THE FUTURE.

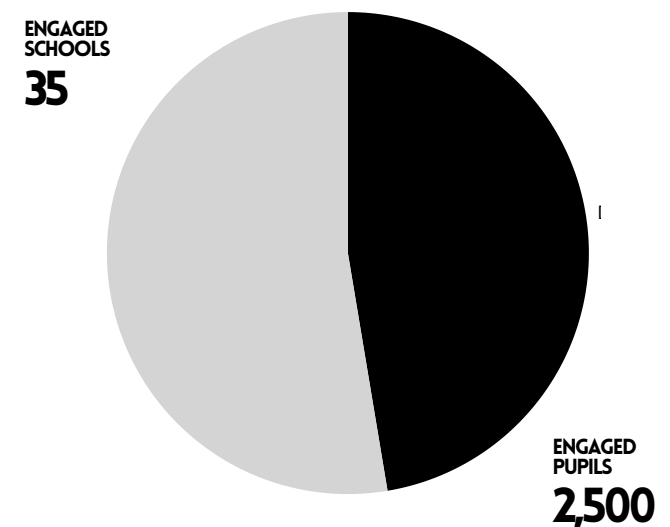
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT:



CURRICULUM ENGAGEMENT:



TOURNAMENT ENGAGEMENT:



ENGAGE WITH FANS

- INCREASE AWARENESS OF OUR WORK AND PROVIDE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT US.
- CREATE DEEPER CONNECTIONS WITH OUR FANS
- WORK WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL AREAS AND SUPPORT CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECTS.





- **CONTINUE AND FURTHER PROMOTE THE WORK WE DO VIA THE CLUBS SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS AND WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.**
- **WORKING CLOSING WITH DARTFORD POLICE TO OFFER FREE SPACES FOR LOCAL TEENAGERS TO PLAY FOOTBALL DURING SCHOOL HALF TERMS. PROVIDING A SAFE, OBSERVED SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT.**
- **OFFER INITIATIVES ON MATCH DAYS TO SUPPORTERS OF ALL AGES, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FANS ATTENDING BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FIXTURES.**

WHAT WE DO

PILLAR	PROJECT	WHAT?
EDUCATION	PE	HELPING CHILDREN BE ACTIVE AND DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS.
	LEARNING STARS	SUPPORTING IN SCHOOLS THROUGH CLASS SUPPORT AND INTERVENTIONS.
	TEAM BUILDING	OUTDOOR ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES, FOCUSING ON TEAMWORK.
	INFANT AGILITY	FESTIVALS FOR KS1, DEVELOPING FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS.
	FESTIVALS	NON-COMPETITIVE MULTISPORTS GAMES
YOUTH & COMMUNITY	MATCH DAYS	FLAG BEARERS, MASCOTS & BIRTHDAY PARTIES.
	SPORTS LEADERS	SPORTS AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.
	GLOW IN DARK DODGEBALL	FUN, ADAPTED VERSION OF DODGEBALL.
	YOUTH TEAMS	OVER 400 CHILDREN IN TEAMS REPRESENTING THE CLUB.
HEALTH & WELLBEING	WALKING FOOTBALL	FUN, SOCIABLE, SLOW PACED VERSION OF THE GAME.
	DARTS IN CLASS PROGRAMME	CROSS-CURRICULAR EDUCATION PROGRAMME.
	YOUTH ENGAGEMENT	EVENING WORK WITH YOUNG ADULTS IN THE HEART OF DARTFORD.
	WOODLAND WALK	NATURE TRAIL & OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE.
	GIRLS FOOTBALL	AIMING TO CREATE EQUAL ACCESS IN ALL SCHOOLS IN DARTFORD.

EDUCATION

OUR AIM IS TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE FOOTBALL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, TO ENGAGE, INSPIRE AND DEVELOP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREA.

FOCUS:

- OFFER SUPPORT TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN DARTFORD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.
- IDENTIFY SCHOOLS WITH HIGH EXCLUSION RATES / LOW ATTAINMENT AND TARGET SUPPORT FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE AND MOST IN NEED.
- ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE FOUNDATION AS A TRUSTED PARTNER FOR LOCAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS.



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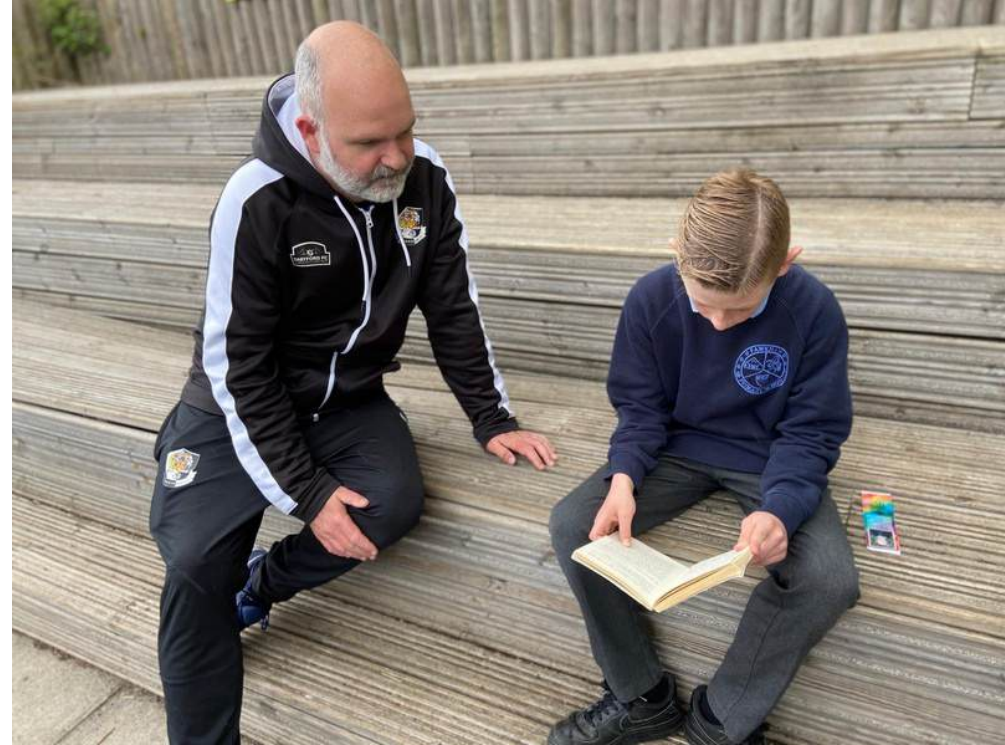
DARTFORD FC STAFF SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN DELIVERING HIGH QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS, INSPIRING CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVE AND TO DEVELOP ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS, FITNESS AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

LESSONS ARE PLANNED AND DELIVERED TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT, PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS, AS WELL AS THEIR ABILITY TO WORK AS PART OF A TEAM.

INFANT AGILITY

OUR INFANT AGILITY FESTIVALS OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR KEY STAGE ONE PUPILS TO DEVELOP AND SHOWCASE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS THROUGH FUN AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN A CAROUSEL OF ACTIVITIES WHICH FOCUS ON SKILLS SUCH AS: THROWING, RUNNING AND JUMPING, WHILST BEING MOTIVATED BY STAFF TO REACH THEIR BEST IN EACH ACTIVITY.



LEARNING STARS

OUR LEARNING STARS PROGRAMME SUPPORTS PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN THROUGH NUMERACY, LITERACY AND ART. PUPILS ARE IDENTIFIED BY SCHOOLS TO SPEND TIME WITH DARTFORD FC COACHES TO SHOW THEIR CREATIVE SKILLS, READING THEIR FAVOURITE BOOKS, WRITING NEWSPAPER STORIES OR DESIGNING FOOTBALL SHIRTS AND STADIUMS.

LEARNING STARS CAN BE USED AS TARGETED INTERVENTIONS AIMING TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE. WE AIM TO LINK SUBJECTS TO SPORT AND FOOTBALL TO DEVELOP INCREASED ENGAGEMENT AND CONFIDENCE IN VITAL SUBJECTS.

EDUCATION

TEAM BUILDING

OUR TEAM BUILDING DAYS CONSISTS OF FUN AND CHALLENGING ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP PROBLEM SOLVING, COMMUNICATION, EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT, CONFIDENCE, TEAM WORK AND PERSEVERANCE SKILLS.

THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES DELIVERED FOCUS ON PUPILS WORKING EFFICIENTLY TOGETHER TO CREATE COHESION TO THEN COMPLETE THE TASK.

'ALL THE CHILDREN REALLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES AND IT WAS GREAT THAT THE ACTIVITIES WERE INCLUSIVE FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS' - G. QUIRK

FESTIVALS

OUR FESTIVALS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS IN YEARS 1-4 TO REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOL IN AN NON-COMPETITIVE ENVIRONMENT. ALLOWING PUPILS TO RECREATIONALLY SHOWCASE AND DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS ACROSS DIFFERENT SPORTS.

OUR FESTIVAL PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- SEND FESTIVAL
- SOCCER SIXES
- BARLCAYS GIRLS DAY
- FAST FIVES
- FUTSAL



YOUTH & COMMUNITY

PROVIDING EXPERIENCES WITH THE FIRST TEAM,
OPPORTUNITIES TO REPRESENT THE CLUB AND TO GAIN
QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE.

FOCUS:

- OFFER A HUB IN THE LOCAL AREA.
- ENHANCE OUR MATCH DAY EXPERIENCES PROVIDING DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH & COMMUNITY.
- PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN QUALIFICATIONS AS FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE SPORTS QUALIFICATIONS.



MATCH DAYS

WE OFFER A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT MATCH DAY EXPERIENCES AT PRINCES PARK, INCLUDING, MASCOTS, FLAG BEARERS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES.

OUR FLAG BEARERS OPPORTUNITIES ALLOW A LOCAL TEAM TO VISIT THE STADIUM ON MATCHDAYS TO MEET THE MANAGER AND PLAYERS AND TO PROVIDE A GUARD OF HONOUR AS THE TEAMS WALK ONTO THE PITCH.

WE ALSO OFFER BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES WHICH INCLUDE AN HOUR OF FOOTBALL, FOOD & DRINK, PLUS ENTRY TO A HOME FIRST TEAM GAME.

SPORTS LEADERS

LAUNCHED IN 2018, OUR SPORTS LEADERS PROGRAMME OFFERS, SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN QUALIFICATIONS IN SPORTS LEADERSHIP.

THE PROGRAMME HAS SINCE PROVIDED WORK EXPERIENCE FOR 16 DARTFORD PUPILS, WHO WILL HELP AND SHADOW DFC COACHES AT AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS AND DISTRICT SESSIONS. THROUGH THE SPORTS LEADERS PROGRAMME, REFEREEING OPPORTUNITIES ALSO BECOME AVAILABLE, SUPPORTING DISTRICT AND DARTFORD FC YOUTH GAMES.

FURTHERMORE, THIS PROGRAMME WAS A STEPPING STONE TO EMPLOYMENT FOR 4 CURRENT DARTFORD FC COMMUNITY STAFF MEMBERS.

GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL

AN EXCITING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, WHICH CREATES A FUN HIGH ENERGY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN. OUR COACHES COMBINE THE EXCITEMENT OF PLAYING DODGEBALL WITH UV LIGHTS, FLUORESCENT BIBS, FACE PAINTS AND MUSIC TO CREATE A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!

WITH A VARIETY OF GAMES AND ROLES, GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES,

'SKY TOWER WAS FUN AS IT WAS TEAMWORK AND MAKE SURE THEY WERE THE RIGHT ANGLE. IT ALSO TESTED OUR DETERMINATION' - KS2 STUDENT



DARTFORD FC YOUTH TEAMS

OUR YOUTH TEAM SECTION IS CURRENTLY MADE UP OF 31 TEAMS, WITH 400 BOYS AND GIRLS AGED FROM 6 TO 18 PARTICIPATING EACH WEEK AND REPRESENTING THE CLUB.

DARTFORD FC YOUTH TEAMS PLAY THEIR GAMES ACROSS THE SELKET, KENT YOUTH LEAGUE, JPL WARRIORS AND KENT GIRLS & LADIES LEAGUE.



SATURDAY SOCCER TOTS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-7, OUR SATURDAY SOCCER TOTS IS A FUN, INTRODUCTION INTO FOOTBALL. TAKING PLACE ON THE CLUB MINI PITCHES, SESSIONS PROVIDE FUN ACTIVITIES AND LOOK AT THE FUNDAMENTALS FOR FOOTBALL.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

WE PROVIDE A RANGE OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES AIMING TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL DARTFORD COMMUNITY.

FOCUS:

- THREE PRINCIPAL AREAS: EARLY INTERVENTION; SPECIALIST ENGAGEMENT; AND QUALITY OF LIFE.
- ALIGN DELIVERY WITH AREAS OF HIGHEST NEED.
- SECURE LONG-TERM ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR PROGRAMMES.
- DEVELOP STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND FUNDING.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

OUR EVENING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE AND ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN DARTFORD TO REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL FOOTBALL AND PARTAKE IN WORKSHOPS AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES .



OUR EVENING ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME ALSO PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE FOR INDIVIDUALS TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS THEY MAY BE DEALING WITH TO CREATE A SAFER AND MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.

DARTS IN THE CLASS

AIMED AT YEARS 3/4, OUR DARTS IN THE CLASS PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF A FIVE WEEK CROSS-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME.

PUPILS WILL RECEIVE A LEARNING BOOKLET AND A DFC STAFF MEMBER WILL DELIVER A DIFFERENT SUBJECT TOPIC EACH WEEK, INCLUDING, ENGLISH, MATHS, SCIENCE, PSHE AND PE.

WOODLAND WALK

THE WOODLAND WALK LOCATED AT PRINCES PARK OFFERS AN OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR:

- HABITATS FOR FIELD STUDY AND SCIENCE
- ORIENTEERING, OUTDOOR LITERACY, PRACTICAL NUMERACY, AND VISUAL ARTS

WALKING FOOTBALL

HOSTED ON THE COMMUNITY MINI PITCHES, OUR WALKING FOOTBALL SESSIONS, IS A SLOWER, NON-CONTACT VERSION OF THE GAME, AIMED AT THE MATURE AGED PARTICIPANT.

THE SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE WHILE ALSO CREATING A SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE FOR ALL.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

WE ARE PROUD TO BE THE LEAD FOR THE BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL IN DARTFORD.

THIS NATIONWIDE SCHEME AIMS TO MAINSTREAM FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS TO ALLOW FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

SUPPORTED BY THE YOUTH SPORT TRUST, THE PROGRAMME OFFERS, TRAINING SESSIONS, FESTIVALS, CPD AND ONLINE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO GIVE FURTHER EQUAL ACCESS.

THE PROGRAMME HAS ALSO HELPED IDENTIFY FUTURE SPORTS LEADERS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO ORGANISE EVENTS IN SCHOOLS OR WITHIN THEIR LOCAL CLUB.



