Stoke D'Abernon Cricket Club

January 2021

Dear Parent,

On behalf of Stoke D'Abernon Cricket Club I would like to welcome you and your child (or children) to the club for the 2021 season and provide you with some information about the cricket activities we offer.

SDCC provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 17 to receive coaching and play competitive cricket in various league and cup competitions. All coaching is provided at the club by qualified coaches who are trained to ECB standards and have been screened for their suitability to work with young people.

The club has ECB Clubmark accreditation. ECB Clubmark is the ECB's process for the accreditation of cricket clubs with junior sections. Clubs are required to meet specific standards across four key areas - Duty of Care, Safe Hands Policy, Safeguarding & Protecting Children. Achieving Clubmark status is an acknowledgement that we take these issues seriously and that we are striving to provide a high quality, safe and welcoming environment for young participants in cricket.

The aim of the Colts Section is to give boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 17 the opportunity to learn, play and enjoy cricket. This will be achieved through coaches, team managers, club officials and supportive parents, all of whom will foster each child's enthusiasm, commitment and confidence. It is the Club's objective to ensure that everyone plays within both the laws and the spirit of the Game.

It is the Club's intention to coach each colt toward a standard of ability that enables them to represent the Club during matches. Team selection for matches will be made by the Club, through its Team Managers, using the following criteria:

- Weekly availability
- Commitment to the club through regular attendance at coaching sessions
- Individual ability
- The needs of the team

Training is provided both by the PCA Cricket Coaching, under the leadership of Tim Handel and the club also uses qualified playing members from the senior squad. Details of where and when your child's session takes place will have been communicated to you by your child's team manager. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected promptly when the session is finished. If you have any queries regarding your child, please contact the manager directly.

The Club is run by volunteers, each of whom gives up personal time to help with the organisation of teams, matches, fixtures and transport. SDCC needs and expects help from parents in all aspects of Colts cricket. You should not be put off by lack of experience. Please contact your team manager for more information about volunteering for any role that supports your child's participation in playing

matches.

Club kit is available on the club's website (stokecc.co.uk) through a direct link with our online clothing supplier, Masuri.

Finally, as part of the ECB Clubmark accreditation, we have Codes of Conduct for adult members, guests, colts and parents. Copies of these documents are available to read on the website and are also posted on the notice board in the pavilion at the Recreation Ground. Anyone entering the club premises, attending training sessions, or playing matches is expected to abide by the provisions of the Code of Conduct. Anyone who breaches these provisions, or who does not agree to be bound by them, may be prevented from entering the club as a result.

We look forward to welcoming to our club and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Victoria Cheeseman
SDCC Chair