



## MINI & JUNIOR NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents & Members, welcome to another season at Altrincham Kersal RFC

This year Altrincham Kersal Rugby Football Club will celebrate our **50th anniversary** of being at our Stelfox Ave home. We have a long and rich history, and plans are in place for a special event on **29th September 2018**, along with a special match day program.

This season we continue to have a thriving Mini/Junior section with over a hundred young rugby players playing every weekend. We run age groups from Under 6s through to Colts (U18s) and are always ready to welcome new members into our beloved game.

The club aims to ensure that players, coaches, parents, spectators and volunteers uphold the Core Values of rugby union, **Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship**. These values will stand our young people in good stead both on and off the rugby pitch and are reflected in the RFU's Code of Rugby.

**Play to win – but not at all cost**

**Win with dignity, lose with grace**

**Observe the Laws and regulations of the game**

**Respect opponents, referees and participants**

**Reject cheating, racism, violence and drugs**

**Value volunteers and paid officials alike**

**Enjoy the game**

Altrincham Kersal RFC is a local club at the heart of our community, with a desire to increase links with local schools. We are delighted by the number of players who progress up the age levels and go on to play representative rugby for Cheshire and England as well playing professionally. Keeping players involved throughout their school days and beyond means that they benefit from being part of the rugby family and from the friendships and health benefits that our sport offers. To this end we will implement the "**Half Game Rule**" across our teams a year early. For more information on this please search for "RFU Age Grade Rugby Half Game Rule".

The credit for our success as a club is due to the commitment of our young players, the endeavours of the club's qualified and enthusiastic coaches, our many marvellous volunteers, our players' parents and supporters and our sponsors. We would like to thank you all and look forward to your continued support.

With a full fixture programme and a program of social events coming up, we would be delighted to see our new players and their parents and families fully involved. We are always glad to have help, so please talk about volunteer roles with our coaches, managers or ourselves. Jobs range from doing the weekly register, looking after the kit, team manager, all the way to putting your boots on and running around supporting the coaches. There is a job for everyone.

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Our Stay & Play Registration Day on 30th Sept is always tremendously busy, so I would ask for your patience and understanding as there are many tasks to perform to ensure day that the club lives up to its high standards so that your children are properly registered and cared for in the coming season. I would also ask for your membership to be set up before the end of September so that we can handle the finances to everyones benefit. However, if any parent or guardian has a particular financial need this can be discussed in confidence with us or our Membership Secretaries.

Please make an effort to attend and contribute to the social events for the Minis & Juniors this season. See below some important dates for your family diaries are below:

Saturday 22nd Sept 2018	Sale Sharks Half Time Take Over
Saturday 29th Sept 2018	50th Anniversary at Stelfox
Sunday 30th Sept 2018	M & J Stay & Play Registration Day from 1130 hrs
Friday 9th Nov 2018	Sportsman's Dinner (Adults only)
Saturday 1st Dec 2018	Christmas Jumper Night (Adults only)
Sunday 11th May 2018	End of Season M & J Awards

Many thanks for your continued support, and if we can be of help with anything please just get in touch,

Yours in Rugby

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