

Gomersal & Cleckheaton Football Club

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

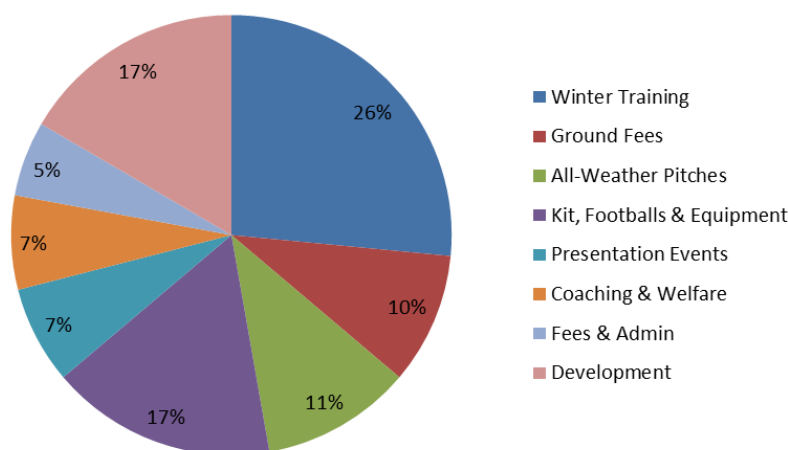
On behalf of the Club we would like to thank you for your continued support with exciting times ahead and hope we can help you with your decision to register your child to play football for Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC in the 2022/2023 season.

Now that the impact of COVID-19 has been largely reduced within grassroots football, much of the ongoing costs of operating the Club have returned. In fact in many cases they have increased much as the cost of living has, therefore we do have to increase our subscription charges appropriately.

During the 2021/2022 season we had provided a credit of £40 per player, providing the player was a fully paid member at the end of May 2021. This returned to our members much of the surplus made from the COVID-19 impact and lack of training and playing opportunities. Those surpluses no longer exist; in fact for the 2021/2022 season our expenditure exceeded our income by over £6,000 so we do need to address this accordingly. Subscriptions had already been set at £120 to cover increasing running costs (especially training hire costs at Tong Leadership Academy) and plans for future development facilities. And we anticipate that those costs are now likely to increase by another 10% over the coming season. And we have agreed to make provision to play all Mini-Soccer matches on all-weather pitches during the winter months at Tong Leadership Academy.

As a result, subscriptions for the 2022/2023 season will be set at £160 per player for our Mini-Soccer section (U7 to U10) and at £130 per player for all other teams.

Your subscriptions are vital in helping the club both now and in the future. Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC has over 400 playing members in around 30 teams from the Gummy Tots (under 6's) to Open Age and now requires over £39,000 per year to cover running costs.



The chart on the left shows the breakdown of the Club's planned expenditure. As you can see the majority of money goes towards training, pitch hire, footballs and the FA required coaching and DBS certification.

A small proportion goes into the annual presentation events and our development fund for long term club plans.

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Please help the Club by completing your registration forms and setting up a payment of the subscriptions either via our website or as a BACS payment to our bank account. For the Mini-Soccer age groups we have extended the subscription period to 7 months, so no one needs to pay more than £20 per month to keep the subscription going. We have introduced initial signing-on fees of £30 for Open Age and the Youth sections (U11 – U18) and £20 for the Mini-Soccer section (U7 – U10), which you will need to pay with the registration. The subscriptions are recorded against the player's name and age group so that Managers can keep track of the payments and make decisions about player's eligibility to play in matches.

BACS details are Sort Code 30-91-12 Account No 04026978 – use Age Group and Player Name as the Reference.

For website payments the link is <https://www.gcfc.co.uk/payments> Please ensure you set up the payment for the Player, purchasing the subscription product in their name, not using the name of the Parent.

Each age group may also hold raffles, sell teas & coffees on match days or hold fundraisers during the season for their own age group. These are organised by the team management for the benefit of the age group – e.g. training jackets, specific training equipment, Xmas presents, end of season trip, etc.

Our ethos at the club is to help to support the volunteer managers and coaches with FA qualifications, DBS verification, Safeguarding children courses and first aid training in order to provide a safe and fun environment for all players to continue developing their football skills and team development throughout their Gomersal & Cleckheaton life. Please do what you can to help, support and encourage the players and the volunteers who give up their free time to make all this possible as without them we would not have a club.

Gomersal & Cleckheaton FC remains a purely non-profit organization run by volunteers to help to provide football opportunities for your children and young adults in our local community. Both the Club and the age groups are always on the lookout for extra helpers or volunteers from putting the nets up to running raffles or helping out at Club events, so if you are able to help or would like more information please contact the Committee or your Age Group Manager.

Best of luck for the new season!

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