



Introduction to Football Festival for Girls

Dear Parent/Guardian.

The Oxford Mail Girls Football League (OMGFL) in association with the Oxfordshire FA and Berks & Bucks FA are staging an Introduction to Football Festival for Girls in Years 2 and 3.

The Festival will be held in Kidlington on Saturday 22nd October starting at 10am and will last approximately 2 hours. Schools and clubs will be encouraged to bring a full team if possible and individuals attending will be allocated a team based on geographical area. The players will be given a brief introduction to the basic rules of the game and will then take part in a number of short 5-a-side matches.

The event is intended as an introduction to football for the Girls with a longer term aim of generating teams at the U8 age group this season and U9 the following season. To help create teams the two Country Football Associations have asked clubs in the county with junior sections to identify an interest in taking a new team under their wing and details of contacts at these clubs will be available to parents/guardians on the day.

We are also keen to hear from parents/guardians that may wish to get involved in coaching and we can provide guidance to help you get started. There is also a chance to try out by volunteering to run a team on the day.

The OMGFL currently run regular development festivals for U9 Girls and are keen to start U8 teams with the long term goal of running U8 events alongside these.

The event is free so please contact Steve Cooper by email (swivcooper@aol.com) to register your team or daughter before Wednesday 19th October. We will endeavour to keep players from the same school or area together so please send your daughter's name, the school they attend and a contact email address if different to the address used to send the email.

Please also let Steve know if you are willing to help run a team on the day.

Football boots and shinpads required. Can we also ask that car sharing is encouraged to reduce the load on the Car Park.

Venue map and instructions for the day will be emailed in the days before the Festival.