

Dear

I am writing to you on behalf of of
School.

I do so to remind you that if a school football match falls on the same day as a club football match, the named child should be allowed to play the school match over his club, as stated in the ESFA Handbook:-

'Whilst a boy is receiving full-time education in accordance with the Education Acts, priority must be given to school or schools' organisations activities in accordance with FA regulations governing players registered within the Programme for Excellence.'
(Rule 11, b, i)

Whilst the following is taken from the FA Handbook:

'MEMORANDUM: CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE AND SCHOOL GAMES

One of the important aspects of games in school is the opportunity they afford of developing a pupil's sense of loyalty and honour. It is therefore of concern when interest in games outside the school conflict with a pupil's loyalty to the school and/or school organisations' activities.

- 1. It is usually the pupil of outstanding Football ability whose services are sought by any Club, and the Player is most likely to be a member of the school or association team. While schools' matches are often arranged on Saturday mornings and Club matches take place in the afternoon, it is considered that a player should not play in two matches on the same day, for the one match is likely to affect play in the other.*
- 2. An outside Club or organisation should consult the head-teacher before selecting any child of school age to play for a team, and should accept the head-teacher's decision on these matters. Head-teachers of schools should not restrain pupils, who are not selected for school games of any kind, from playing for an outside organisation during their free time.'*

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter and ask that if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me at the school number above.

Yours sincerely