THANET PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

(Founded 1966)

**RE: Football Entry 2023-24**

September 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Attached is the football entry form for the coming season 2023-24. **Please ensure that it is returned to me by Friday 8th September 2023.**

Mini Festivals – friendly matches involving 4-6 teams at various host schools around Thanet. Schools may enter more than one team. Schools that offer to host must have a minimum of 2 pitches available.

John Curran Cup – in the 1st Round schools are randomly allocated to a group of 5-6 schools at various host schools. Once again schools that offer to host must have a minimum of 2 pitches available. The group winners then play in the finals the following week, which are held on the main pitch at Margate FC, whilst those schools that did not qualify are allocated another friendly mini-festival to play in. The overall winners go on to represent Thanet at the Kent Finals.

DW & TPSFA Cups – this competition is for **girls only**. This season the format will be the same as the Curran Cup, with a 1st Round group phase followed by the finals, which will be held on the main pitch at Ramsgate FC. The winners of the DW trophy go on to represent Thanet at the Kent finals. The runners-up receive the TPSFA Cup.

The Les Riggs and Consolation Cups – these are longer matches in a knockout format played across the season, with teams that lose their first game in the Les Riggs Cup entering the Consolation Cup. The finals of both these competitions will be played on the main pitch at Margate FC.

Super Saturday – this is our main event of the year, with several trophies to compete for, including Fair Play. Schools are invited to enter more than one team. Teams are then randomly allocated to a group. At the end of the 1st group stage teams are then reallocated to a group depending on their finishing position. Thus, every team then ends up competing for a trophy in a group of similar ability. This year the competition will be held at Baypoint.

A reminder that schools are responsible for their own first aid, even when they are on another school site. All matches are 7-a-side and, unless indicated otherwise, players can only be from Years 5 and 6. Teams can be mixed gender unless specifically indicated.

***ESFA (English Schools FA) rules are that any adult who is in charge of a school team and******who is not employed by the school******MUST be registered with ESFA as an AOTT (Adult Other Than a Teacher).***This information is also on the ESFA website in case there is any confusion. We haven’t had any parents running school teams for a few years now, mainly for the insurance problems this throws up for schools. If a school doesn’t have a member of staff involved and thinks they have a suitable parent then this individual MUST be registered with ESFA and will need to have at least an FA Level 1 qualification, an enhanced FA CRB check, have attended an FA Child Protection Workshop and First Aid Course. **This is non-negotiable**. AOTT forms are available from ESFA. Please also make sure all adults understand that they are role-models for children in their charge and should always display sporting behaviour, winning and losing gracefully and never questioning any decisions made by referees.

***What you need to do ASAP:*** *Complete the entry form attached (a simple Y or N next to each event unless it asks for number of teams you wish to enter) and email to* *garybcrees@gmail.com* *by Friday 8th September 2023 using your main contact email.*

Best Wishes

Gary Rees (TPSFA Hon Sec)

TPSFA Events Tick List 2023-24

**Please return this form via email to Gary Rees,** **garybcrees@gmail.com**

**by Friday 8th September 2023**

I would like to take part in the following TPSFA events (Y or N)

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue** | **Time** | **Yes/No** | **Number of teams** |
| 15th Sept | Mini Festival | Various | 4pm |  |  |
| 22nd Sept & 29th Sept | John Curran Cup 1st Round Finals | Various & Margate FC (Finals) | 4pm |  | 1 team only |
| 27th Sept4th Oct | DW Cup & TPSFA Cup (girls) 1st RoundFinals | Various | 4pm |  | 1 team only |
| 29th Sept | Mini Festival (for teams not in John Curran Cup Finals) | Various | 4pm |  |  |
| 14th Oct | Super Saturday  | Baypoint | 9am |  |  |
| Ongoing | Les Riggs and Consolation Cup | Various | 4pm |  | 1 team only |

***I would like to host a mini-festival.*** (Minimum 2 pitches required)

***I would like to host a group for the Curran Cup 1st Round.*** (Minimum 2 Pitches)

***I would like to host a group for the DW Cup 1st Round.*** (Minimum 2 Pitches)

***Please note that Les Riggs/Consolation Cup Matches may need to be played on some Saturdays throughout the year.***

**Infants Festivals (Year 1/2): 4pm at Margate FC will take place on 11th October 2023, 2nd May and 12th June 2024.**

**Year 3/4: Festival on 15th November at Margate FC. Super Saturday at Upton on Saturday 23rd March 2024.**

**Year 1 Festival will take place at Minster Primary on 22nd April 2024.**

**Year 4/5 festival will take place at Baypoint on 1st May 2024**

**Year 5/6 Girls Passport Cup on 28th June 2024 at Margate FC**

**Separate sign-up details for the above festivals and tournaments to follow nearer the time.**

**Name:**

**School:**

**Email (ESSENTIAL):**

**Phone:**