



**ACCREDITED**  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

# *St Francis Rangers FC*



## INTRODUCTION FOR PARENTS

# Who We Are

St Francis Rangers is a community-led football club based in Haywards Heath that has played an important role in developing youth football since the 1990s. The Club has its own pitches at The Colwell Ground, located behind the Princess Royal Hospital. We are an inclusive club, where our doors are truly open to all.

## Our Values

- One team, per age group, by design: there's no streaming and cliques, just team spirit;
- Player development first – we focus on building confidence, skills and friendships;
- Community-focussed: all funds are reinvested into the club;
- Fun & fairness – we want kids to love football and feel valued;

## Training & Match Info

**Matches:** Sunday mornings (Sep–Apr) at The Colwell Ground, in the [Mid Sussex Youth League](#)

**Training:** Saturdays, 8:45am–10:00am (year-round)

*Summer Venue:* The Colwell Ground, Haywards Heath.

*Winter Venue:* (Oct–Mar): Oathall Community College, 3G Pitches (exclusive access)

Click [here](#) for maps

## Fees & What's Included

Annual fee: £200 (Option to pay via 10-month Direct Debit (Aug–May))

Includes:

- Training kit;
- Match kit;
- All equipment and pitch hire;
- Entry into local tournaments;
- End-of-season awards.

# Your Involvement

Experience has shown us that parental involvement is vital in maintaining a thriving club. You are welcome to be as involved as much, or as little as you would like to be but here are some ways that you can help:

*Support & Encouragement:* Whether at matches or at training, being there to provide encouragement and celebrate effort can make all the difference to your child's progression. For younger age groups, we kindly ask that parents stay if your child needs a bit of extra reassurance or support.

*Team Spirit:* We aim to build a tight-knit team. The players will experience highs-and-lows. They'll win together, they'll lose together and they'll learn together. We aim to create a welcoming and inclusive environment and hope that you will get to know other parents. If that leads to lift-shares, play-dates or stronger friendships off the pitch for the players then we're all for that as it will inevitably lead to better performance on the pitch.

*Logistics:* Your assistance in getting kids to training and matches as regularly as possible helps us enormously. We ask for your assistance in keeping kit clean and in ensuring that kids turn-up with the right equipment (i.e., shinpads, water bottle, correct footwear for the pitch). We provide a range of team apps, chat groups and web information to keep you updated and would ask that you let us know your child's availability for training and matches.

*Volunteering, Sponsorship & Fundraising:*

- There are opportunities to assist with the running of the club. For coaches, the Club funds the required FA certifications and background checks. The club committee meets twice a month and volunteers meet to discuss the club's progress. If you have some spare time and would like to become involved, please contact us.
- We are always on the lookout for shirt sponsors. Sponsorship at grassroots level is about being part of something that really matters to local families. Your logo would feature proudly on our team shirts, seen by parents, spectators, and other local clubs throughout the season. You'd also be recognised in our team photos, social media shout-outs, and online content. More than anything, it's a way to show your support for young players in the community. We'd love to chat if you think this sounds like a good fit.
- From time-to-time, we'll undertake fundraising activities to help keep the Club progressing. If you're able to support us by donating, spreading the word, or even helping with a fundraiser, we'd be incredibly grateful. It's all about giving our players the best experience possible and showing them what a strong, supportive community looks like.

# Safeguarding & Welfare

The Club has a dedicated Club Welfare Officer whose role is to ensure that the club complies with FA safeguarding policies by acting as the main point of contact for safeguarding concerns, promptly reporting any issues, and maintaining confidential records. They ensure all coaches and volunteers have up-to-date DBS checks and safeguarding training, regularly review and communicate the club's welfare policies, and promote a positive, inclusive environment. The CWO supports players, parents, and staff by encouraging open communication, monitoring for bullying or welfare concerns, and liaising with the FA and external agencies as needed. They also handle the administration of safeguarding documentation and help embed safeguarding practices throughout the club.

See our safeguarding statement [here](#)

## Future Investment

The Club anticipates benefitting from future investment in the Colwell Ground by the Colwell Ground Community Interest Company. The investment aims to deliver new pitches, including an all-weather pitch, plus new changing and car-parking facilities. See the latest design concept [here](#).

## Next Steps

If you are interested in registering your child for one of the Club's teams, please complete our registration form [here](#). Please note that there are waiting lists for some teams.

If you would like any further information, please contact us at [sfrjnrs.join@gmail.com](mailto:sfrjnrs.join@gmail.com).