

# WARE YOUTH FC

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### Q – Who are Ware Youth FC?

A – Ware Youth FC were formed in 1973 and are an FA three-star accredited football club which provides a challenging yet fun environment with over 400 boys and girls aged from 3-18 years old, with a pathway right through to senior men's and women's teams.

### Q – How does the development work?

A – The development is aimed at children between the ages of 3 to 6. The sessions are fun and interactive, taken by qualified coaches who will develop the children's football skills and teamwork.

### Q – What equipment do I need to bring?

A – Children will need clothes they are comfortable playing football in, trainers for indoor sessions, football boots or similar suitable footwear for outdoor sessions, shin pads and a bottle of water.

### Q – Where and when are the sessions held?

A – The sessions will be split over two days. Sessions for all development age groups are held on Saturdays between September and May (school holidays aside). The sessions for the 2024/25 season will be held outdoor on the astroturf at Wodson Park (opposite the running track) between 8.45am and 9.45am.

**For children who are ready for the next step, we will hold training sessions on Tuesdays at 5pm on the outdoor pitches at Wodson Park (opposite the running track). These sessions will be for U6s (School Year 1) and are aimed at creating teams for the following season, as well as developing new coaches ready to run these teams.**

### Q – How do I register and how am I kept up to date with information?

A – You will need to register on a system called [TeamFeePay](#). There is a video tutorial on the site explaining how to register. You will need to have a form of ID and a head and shoulders photo of your child. You will be choosing Development Squad Training as your team. Once registered the children are welcome to attend from the following session.

You will also be added to the Ware Youth Development WhatsApp group and this will be used to update you with any information. Once children move to the Tuesday training, you will also be added to the U6s Tuesday Development Training WhatsApp group. In addition, we will update the [Development Webpage](#) on a regular basis.



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### **Q – I am already registered, do I need to register again?**

A – Yes. New FA requirements require every child to register at the beginning of each season. Unfortunately will not be able to train children that are not registered.

### **Q – How much does it cost?**

A – The fees are now paid online through the [TeamFeePay](#) app and will be charged in blocks per half term, equivalent to £3 per session. This is pro-rated so will start once you have registered. There will be no more cash payments on the day. This is to ensure that everyone is registered as per the FA requirements.

### **Q – Do we play competitive matches?**

A – Competitive matches do not start until U7s (school year two). However, the U6s age group who are training on Tuesdays will play friendlies against other U6s (and U7s) teams throughout the season, on either Tuesdays or Saturdays to prepare for the following season.

### **Q – My child is new to football and may struggle against some of the other children. Is there a place for them?**

A – Children develop at different rates and children of all abilities are welcome. The club's ethos is not about winning but about giving everyone the opportunity to play. We aim to have players of all abilities playing at the correct level so they can develop at their own speed. We will use the training and U6s friendlies to gauge where to place children.

### **Q – Can my child play in a team with their friends?**

A – Whilst we appreciate that children like to play with their friends, we cannot guarantee this. We will place children in the team relevant to their current level as playing children at the wrong level can be detrimental to their development.

### **Q – Will my child be guaranteed a place in a team?**

A – Unfortunately we are currently limited to eight players per team, and we can accommodate three teams. Therefore it is not always possible to ensure every child gets a place. However, we can help in looking for another team if we are unable to offer your child a place.

### **Q – I am interested in coaching, what do I need to do?**

A – All teams from U7s (school year two) will need a coach, which in most instances is a parent of one of the players. To ensure that teams are prepared for their first season, we will look to engage coaches as early as possible, ideally in place by Christmas of the U6s, school year one season. These coaches can attend the U6s training and matches alongside a current Ware Youth coach to learn more about the role? If there is no coach in place then the team will not be able to run. As part of our [volunteer plan](#), we are looking to encourage more female coaches.

### **Q – How does the club help with the coaching?**

A – There are a few courses that are required for coaching, along with a DBS check. The club will guide you through these and pay for the coaching courses. In addition, you will be able to use the vast resources and knowledge of current Ware Youth FC coaches.

### **Q – I would not be able to commit to coaching but would like to help. Are there any other volunteer roles?**

A – Yes there are plenty of volunteer roles, please refer to our [volunteer page](#) for more information.

### **Q – Who do I contact for more information?**

A – Please use the [contact form](#) on the Ware Youth FC website if you require any more information or contact the Youth Coordinator James Morris on [youthcoordinator@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk](mailto:youthcoordinator@wareyouthfootballclub.co.uk) or 07931 559486.