



## RED CLASS



*"At Soccerscool we strive for perfection.  
If we fail we might just settle for excellence."*



[www.soccerscool.net](http://www.soccerscool.net)



***Welcome*** to Soccerscool a coaching organisation established in the Highbury community since 2004.

Whether children dream of being a professional footballer or simply want to have fun with their friends, taking the right approach to the game when children are young sets the stage for a lifetime of enjoyment.

At Soccerscool we provide the opportunity for young players to play the game at a recreational or competitive level, with the aim of encouraging lifelong participation.

For players who join Soccerscool, many of whom are being introduced to the game for the first time, the goal of our approach is simple:

***'There is only one ball,  
so you need to learn to keep it!'***

## ***Our Approach***

Soccerscool's distinctive *Play-Practice* coaching method effectively involves children of all levels and abilities. We pride ourselves on the level of fun, participation, skill and knowledge that children gain from attending our training sessions.

### ***Play-Practice***

Soccer skills are about being agile and instantly recognizing patterns as they unfold and making smart, timely choices. It is our belief that these skills are better developed through activities which involve players constantly having to make decisions with a football in relation to time-and-space.

Soccerscool sessions are designed to harness the fun, freedom and creativity of street football, improving each player's individual technical ability and confidence on the ball while developing team play.



## ***Programme of Study***

### **Staying with the Ball – Individual Work**

Children learn through playing a variety of fun games the ability to keep possession of the ball and exploit space as an individual.

### **Staying with the Ball – Small Group Work**

Children learn through playing in a variety of opposed and unopposed practices how to keep possession of the ball as an individual and as part of a team.

### **Developing a Style of Play – Game Related Practices**

Children develop their knowledge of how to attack and defend through playing a variety of small-sided game related practices.

## ***How We Work***

Children are placed into training groups appropriate to their needs in order to ensure maximum participation and enjoyment. Children will progress when they can demonstrate a consistent level of ability relating to aspects of the programme.

Red Class is not an activity children can drop in and out of. It is a programme of study that requires regular attendance in order to advance.

## ***Behaviour Management***

We owe it to all the children attending our sessions that disruptive behaviour is dealt with in a fair and consistent manner. We therefore have a yellow, red and black card system in place that every member of our coaching team adheres to.

1. Yellow card = warning
2. Red card = sit out for a number of minutes
3. Black card = sit out for the rest of the session + 1 week suspension.

Parents will be informed if their child's behaviour becomes an issue or if they are black carded.

## ***Hydration & Snacks***

Children should attend training with plenty of water for hydration between activities. Fizzy drinks are a no no! Snacks should be kept to nibbles such as fruit or something sugary for energy such as Jaffa cakes. The coaches love Jaffa cakes! Please no crisps, pastries or picnics!

## ***Training Kit***

Children attending Soccerscool are required to wear our bespoke training kit. The kit is designed to cover children for all types of weather conditions and create a culture of pride and professionalism.

### **Starter Pack £79.99**

- Rain Jacket
- Sweatshirt
- Short sleeved top
- Black shorts
- Black socks



Children will also need an age appropriate sized football. These are available for purchase at Highbury Fields on Saturdays for £10.

## ***Ace Sports***

Starter packs are available from our official supplier Ace Sports in Kentish Town. We recommend a visit to this classic old style sports shop. Nick Mavrides, the shop's owner, is a knowledgeable and experienced retailer and offers a very professional service.

***Ace Sports, 6 Fortress Rd, NW5 2ES***

Tel: 020 7485 5367



Alternatively goods can be purchased online at  
**[www.acesportsdirect.uk](http://www.acesportsdirect.uk)**.

## ***Values***

Soccerscool promotes a culture of pride, respect, professionalism and best practice. Educating children to take responsibility on and off the field of play is the cornerstone of our teaching philosophy.

### ***Our expectations:***

- **Be on time for the session!** Best to be early as the coaching team are ready to start activities from 11:20am.
- Children are required to attend training wearing the correct Soccerscool attire along with their age appropriate sized football.
- Parents are to drop their children off outside the gate entrance and remain outside the playing area until after the session.
- Children are responsible for storing bikes and carrying their own bag to the designated area.
- It is not permissible for parents to shout instructions to players during the session.

## ***Communication***

We use an App called ***Spond*** to communicate with our customers during the course of the school year. We recommend that you download the App to avoid missing any updates. If you have not already joined Red Group on ***Spond*** you can do so through the following link:

[www.group.spond.com/MTOLF](http://www.group.spond.com/MTOLF)

## ***Term Dates***

We also have a Google calendar on our website which displays all dates relating to Soccerscool activities and when we are closed for school holidays.

[www.soccerscool.net/calendar/](http://www.soccerscool.net/calendar/)



## ***Soccerscool Football Club***

Children attending Red Class have the opportunity to be selected to join our club programme. Selection begins from the end of year 2 onwards.

### ***Key qualities we look for in the recruitment of club players:***

- Attend regularly in good time for training wearing Soccerscool attire.
- Have a passion for the game.
- Display an appetite for learning.
- Demonstrate the level of skill required to keep possession of the ball and exploit space as an individual.

Players that are successful in joining our club programme will have the opportunity to train twice a week and play competitive matches in local leagues.



## ***Coaching Team***

### **Head Coach**



Malcolm Hercus

### **Senior Coaches**



Malik Suleman



Craig Hutchison



Alastair Neame

### **Assistant Coaches**



Robert Wright



Xavier  
Cumberbatch



Daniel Nerozi

## ***Ethos***

To create a fun, professional environment that stimulates and challenges young players to maximize their potential as footballers.

Provide children with an experience that teaches them valuable life skills associated with playing a team sport such as competitiveness, resilience, dedication, teamwork, respect, hard work and discipline.

Educate children in the virtues of taking responsibility on and off the field of play.

Raise standards at the grassroots level in relation to the coaching, playing and watching of children's football.

