



12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you about how football trials will be organised at Burford School this year.

All interested students will be invited to attend football trials next week. Year 6 boys and girls will be Tuesday lunchtime but separate trials for boys and girls and Year 5 will be on Wednesday lunchtime. These trials give every child the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, teamwork and commitment. Once trials are complete, we will be organising the players into the following school teams:

- Under 11s side
- Under 10s side
- Mixed Under 11s & 10s side
- Under 11s Girls side

Please note that selecting teams is always a very challenging process. Every child brings different strengths and we take into account a number of factors including ability, effort, attitude, balance of squads and the needs of the school. We fully understand how much these decisions mean to the children and they are never taken lightly. However, final decisions on team allocation must rest with the school and we ask for your support in respecting them.

Students will be informed of which team they have been placed in with care and sensitivity. At the same time, they will also be told which day their training sessions will take place.

Training will run weekly until the end of the spring term. However, as is the nature of schools, there may occasionally be unavoidable cancellations. This may be due to weather conditions, school commitments requiring my presence elsewhere or other unforeseen factors. If this occurs, students will be notified at the earliest possible opportunity.

I want to emphasise that being part of a school football team is about far more than just the matches themselves. It is an opportunity to develop resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship – values that we place at the heart of our school ethos.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support as we go through this process. With your encouragement, I know the children will approach trials with enthusiasm and a positive spirit, whatever the outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mettler
PE Lead