

3rd March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wildcats After School Club 2025



We are delighted to announce that we have once again been selected as a Wildcats centre by the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association.

Wildcats is an initiative launched by The FA designed to inspire girls aged 5-11 to be involved in football. Wildcats centres provide girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment.

The FA's Research & Insight team have found that SSE Wildcats Centres are having a significant positive impact in developing a lasting football habit amongst girls. Research from 2017 showed that the centres have made football fun for girls as well as developing their technical skills. As a result of this, girls are now more than twice as likely to join a team outside of school. Of the girls who took part in the centres, the number playing structured football has also risen by 23% (49% → 72%) since they took part. **"The all-female environment amongst friends, key to nurturing the girls' passion for football, has given many of the girls confidence to take the next step on their footballing pathway: club football."**

We will be running our Wildcats Centre at Hunter's Bar Junior School, Sharrowvale Road, Sheffield, S11 8ZG on Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm after school starting on Friday 14th March 2025. The sessions will provide an ideal opportunity for girls to learn new skills and have fun whilst playing football. The cost of each session will be £4.00. Payment will be taken via Stripe on the website directly.

You will need to follow this link: [HBJ Wildcats Centre](#) or the barcode below to sign up. You will only be able to select the first 9 sessions currently.

Centres are also open to participants from outside of Hunter's Bar Junior School and will run on the school M.U.G.A and playground. Participants will need trainers and to wear suitable clothing. Please also send your child with a drink to keep them hydrated.

I would encourage any girls in the local area in Year 3 to 6 to take up this unique opportunity to experience being part of this exciting club.

Yours sincerely,

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