



MIDDLETON CHENEY
FOOTBALL CLUB

PARENT/GUARDIAN HANDBOOK 2023/2024



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The Playing Fields, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney
www.middletoncheneyfc.co.uk
@CheneyFC



Welcome!

Whether your child is a returning player or new to Middleton Cheney FC, we offer you a warm welcome to our Club for the 2023/24 season. As the parent/guardian of a registered player, you are also automatically a member of MCFC.

We currently have 12 teams playing in five different leagues, and we encourage you to watch and support other teams within the Club - we are one Club, not 12 individual teams.

Home matches are played at The Playing Fields, Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney and Chenderit School. Archery Road, Middleton Cheney. Pre-season training predominantly takes place at Chenderit School until the end of October, with winter training taking place at various venues in Banbury and Brackley.

Banbury & District Lord Jersey League	Men's Team (Games on Saturday afternoons)
Witney & District Youth League	Under 12's, Under 11's, Under 10's, Under 9's, Under 8's & Under 7's (Games on Saturday mornings)
Milton Keynes & District Development League	Under 16's & Under 14's (Games on Saturday mornings)
Oxfordshire Youth Football League	Under 13's & Under 15's (Games on Sunday mornings)
Oxfordshire Girls Football League	Under 10's Lionesses (Games on Saturday mornings)

When attending home matches, we ask that all MCFC players and spectators walk to The Playing Fields and Chenderit School. Where this is not possible, PLEASE ensure that you park courteously and are considerate of local residents - ensuring that you do not block access for emergency vehicles. This also applies to all training sessions.

The standard home playing kit for all MCFC teams is royal blue & white shirt, royal blue shorts & royal blue socks. The standard away playing kit is yellow shirt, black shorts & black socks. Our goalkeepers play in neon yellow or green shirts. Playing kit is provided to all players through team sponsorship, and additional items and training kit is available to purchase from our online club shop - accessed via www.trysportsonline.co.uk.

Signing on for players is done through our online registration system, with an initial signing on fee payable alongside 3 further payments due throughout the season. Fees have been increased by £30 this year to cover our increasing costs for items such as grass cutting, insurance, equipment and an average cost of £12,000 for winter training. If you have any concerns about paying the fees, please contact Natasha Davis, Club Welfare Officer. Contact details are on the back page. There is also a discount for two or more children who play for the Club. Please email football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk if this applies to you.

It is our expectation that all coaches ensure 50% game time for youth team players, provided that they are demonstrating consistent commitment and engagement within both training and match environments, along with respect and fair play to team mates, coaches, other club members and the opposition. We expect all youth team players to adhere to The FA Respect Code of Conduct. Should your child's coach have concerns about their levels of participation, they will discuss this with you - but this is a two way process, and you should also discuss any concerns that you have with them.

Please ensure that you, and other adults within your family, are familiar with the Spectator Code of Conduct and help us to ensure that **our Club only does positive**.

Thank you for your support, we hope you enjoy the season.

Wayne Campbell

Chairman, Middleton Cheney Football Club



The FA Respect Code of Conduct for Spectators

As adults, we all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help to provide a positive environment in which young people can learn and enjoy the game.

When watching football, at training or a match, I will:

- Remember that children play for **FUN**
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when I may not agree with them
- Appreciate good play, from either team, home or away
- Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectators' area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the above Code of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, Northamptonshire Football Association (NFA) or The FA:

I may:

- Be issued with a verbal warning from a Club or League Official
- Be required to meet with the Club, League or NFA Welfare Officer
- Be required to meet with the Club Committee
- Be obliged to undertake an FA education course
- Be obliged to leave the match venue by the Club
- Be requested by the Club not to attend future games
- Be suspended or have my Club membership removed
- Be required to leave the Club along with any dependents

In addition:

- The FA/NFA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the Club

Our aim is to make football safe, fair, inclusive and enjoyable for all - please play your part by being supportive, positive and respectful and remember that this extends beyond the football pitch



You can find a large amount of information and relevant policies on our website at www.middletoncheneyfc.co.uk

For any general enquiries please contact the Club Secretary, Theresa Goss, via email at football@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk

If you have a welfare or safeguarding concern within your child's team or at Middleton Cheney Football Club, you can contact the Club Welfare Officer, Natasha Davis via email at welfare@middletoncheneyfc.co.uk.

You can also contact the Designated Safeguarding Officer at Northamptonshire Football Association via email at safeguarding@northantsfa.com
or call 07535 640452



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