



Ballyboden St. Endas

Hurling/Football & Camogie/Ladies Football Academies

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Information Booklet

2020/2021



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Dear Parent,

Thank you for registering your child with Ballyboden St Enda's Academy for the 2020-2021 season

The principal aim of the academy is to introduce children to Gaelic Games in a fun and safe environment and to aid the development of their athletic and social abilities from the age of 6 to 8 years.

The information contained in this booklet is important to both you as a parent, and to your child.

This year more than ever it is vital that we all embrace our Academy guidelines so as to try and ensure the health and well being of all involved is maintained.

It will no doubt be a challenging year for everyone, and we ask for your understanding and support in making it an enjoyable experience for your child.

We look forward to seeing you each week-end throughout the year.

Regards

Paul McLoughlin
Academy Co-ordinator

Brian O'Regan
Academy Co-ordinator

This year we will be staggering the starting times for some groups. This is in order to reduce the crowding of children and parents and to try and maintain a safe environment

Cherryfield Academy – Clubhouse

The 2013 & 2014 Boys Academy starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11:00am

The 2013 & 2014 Girls Academy starts at 10.00am and finishes at 11:30am

Knocklyon Park Academy – Ballycullen

The 2013 & 2014 Boys Academy starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11:00 am

The 2013 & 2014 Girls Academy starts at 10.00am and finishes at 11:30am

St Enda's Park Academy – Hermitage

The 2013 & 2014 Boys Academy starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11:00am

The 2013 & 2014 Girls Academy starts at 10.00am and finishes at 11:30am

2012 Boys – Colaiste Eanna

The 2012 Boys start at 9.30am and finish at 10:30am

2012 Girls – Sancta Maria HOCKEY Pitch

The 2012 Girls start at 9.30am and finish at 10:30am

Children should attend the academy closest to where they live and it is essential that all children are on the pitch at least 5-10 mins before the start.

Parking is extremely restricted at all 3 Venues. It is essential that parents cycle or walk where possible. Parking should only take place in designated areas and we would ask that **ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE RESPECTED.**

Parents/Guardians must ensure their child is brought safely to the specific check in area on the pitch.

One parent/guardian must stay for their child's session and we would ask that everyone practices social distancing while in attendance.

Health & Safety

Before the start of the Academy on Sept 19th parents should complete the GAA Covid 19 eLearning Module. This is available at the following link <https://courses.gaa.ie/Covid19ClubEd/#/>

Many parents may already have this done if they have other children playing or have children that attended the summer camp.

Each parent must retain proof of course completion by taking a screenshot or printing the page.

Parents must fill out the **GAA Online Health Questionnaire** prior to the start of the Academy. Just search online for ***GAA Return to Play***

This must then be **RECONFIRMED** each Friday before training on a Saturday morning.

We ask all parents to please have reconfirmed by **4pm each Friday** to allow for the collation of player lists.

Should your child's health status change between 4pm Friday and the start of training then they **MUST NOT** attend training.

There must be **ONE designated Parent/Guardian** in attendance at training each week.

This year more than ever it is essential that this maintained, in case a child becomes unwell, or if they need assistance with their equipment etc.

Parents should bring a Hand sanitizer with them (minimum 60% alcohol as per HSE guidelines) for their child to use each Saturday.

Should a child become unwell during training they will be brought straight to the designated parent/guardian in attendance to be brought home.

Children will be allocated specific pods to train in each Saturday which must be adhered to. These pods will be determined alphabetically and cannot be changed.

EQUIPMENT & GEAR

All children must have their own Helmet. There can be no sharing of these.

This is an added expense but is a long term investment.

We would recommend a MEDIUM size helmet and these are available from the **O'Neill's shop** at the club, for a cost price of **€50**.

The shop is open on Thursdays from 8.00-9.30pm and on Saturday mornings from 10.00am-12.00pm

2013 & 2014 children will be provided with their **own Football, & Hurley** which they **must bring with them** to training each Saturday. They will also be given their own **Academy Jersey**. **Your child's NAME should be on both their Hurley & Football**

Gum-shields are compulsory in the GAA, so it is important that your child wears one for the academy each week-end. It is the responsibility of each player to get their own gum-shield.

Parents should look after their own child's water bottle and other equipment not being used during training

COMMUNICATION

The main method of communication with parents will be through **EMAIL** or **TEXT**.

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT MOBILE AND EMAIL ADDRESS.

Please email academy@ballyboden.ie with any queries

VOLUNTEERING

To ensure the continued success of the Academy it is **essential** that parents become involved and assist with the coaching of the children on a Saturday morning, and the development of their own child.

Very often parents may be worried that they may not have enough knowledge or experience of Gaelic Games.

This is not an issue as every year most of our coaches begin at the very same starting point, and there is plenty of opportunities for first time coaches to learn new skills.

We would greatly appreciate any help that can be given

We will be running a Practical Academy Coaching Workshop before the end of September for **any new parents interested in helping out as a coach with the academy.**

If you are interested in helping out, please complete the **“I’m interested” Volunteer slip** on the next page and email to Paul Mc Loughlin at academy@ballyboden.ie or give it to the Academy Co-ordinator at the Registration Day on Sept 12th

We would encourage as many parents as possible to become full members of the club and be involved in their child’s sporting development through Ballyboden St Enda's.

VOLUNTEERING

We would be very grateful if you were interested in helping out as a Coach/ Assistant Coach in the Academy , that you would fill out the Volunteer Slip below and either email to Paul Mc Loughlin at academy@ballyboden.ie or give it to the Academy Co-ordinator at the Registration Day on Sept 12th

“I’m interested in helping out in the Academy”

(Please fill out the details below)

Name _____

Mobile _____

Email (please print) _____

Childs Academy Age Group (please tick appropriate box)

2012 Boys	2012 Girls	2013 Boys	2013 Girls	2014 Boys	2014 Girls
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Childs Academy Venue (please tick appropriate box)

<u>St Enda’s Pk(Hermitage)</u>	<u>Knocklyon Pk(Ballycullen)</u>	<u>Cherryfield(Clubhouse)</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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"Always....." rules

- *"I will always wear my gum-shield, helmet and any other safety gear at training & matches"*
- *"I will always try my best – even when I find things hard to do"*
- *"I will always listen to my coach – they are trying to help me to have fun"*
- *"I will always train & play with a smiley face – this helps me to enjoy myself."*
- *"I will always respect my team mates and their feelings – they are my friends."*

"Sometimes....." rules

- *"Sometimes I will win & sometimes I will lose – taking part is more important."*
- *"Sometimes I will be on my friend's team & sometimes I won't – it is as much fun playing against each other as with each other."*
- *"Sometimes I will not play in my favourite position – this is good for my skills."*
- *"Sometimes I will need to take a break in the time-out area – I need to be "ready" to join-in."*
- *"Sometimes I will get hurt – this is never on purpose."*

"Never....." rules

- *"I will never leave a station without telling my mentor – this is for my safety"*
- *"I will never hurt, bully or make a team mate feel bad – we are all friends"*
- *"I will never use bad language – this is a bad habit"*
- *"I will never talk when my coach is talking – in order to learn, I need to listen"*
- *"I will never mess with the equipment – if things get broken, we can't use them"*

"Always....." rules

- *"I will always try my best to be on time for training and matches."*
- *"I will always make sure my child is dressed in the proper gear."*
- *"I will always set a good example on the side-line."*
- *"I will always support the mentors and volunteers in their efforts to coach my child."*
- *"I will always encourage practice and endeavour."*
- *"I will always adhere to & respect my responsibilities to my child's team & the club"*
- *"I will always support Ballyboden's players and opposition club players POSITIVELY"*

"Never....." rules

- *"I will never leave my child unattended at training or at a match."*
- *"I will never encourage foul play."*
- *"I will never emphasise winning over effort and participation"*
- *"I will never hassle, disrespect, or use foul language towards the players, mentors or referees."*

ACADEMY PITCH LAYOUTS

