**The Good Parent Code**

Eccles Rugby Football Club encourage Parents to:

1. Be familiar with the coaching and training programme in order that they can ensure their child is fully involved and the coaches are aware of their availability.
2. Be familiar with teaching and coaching methods used by observing the coaching and training sessions in which their child participates.
3. Be aware that the CLUB has a duty of care to ensure the safety of players and therefore, where appropriate, assist the coaches with the supervision of the players, particularly where numbers are large and there is a need to transport players to away games.
4. Be involved with CLUB activities and share their expertise.
5. Share concerns, if they have them, with CLUB officials
6. Be familiar with the Good Coaches’ Code contained in the Rugby Continuum.

* In particular be aware that.
* Coaches should recognise the importance of fun and enjoyment when coaching players: and
* Coaches should keep winning and losing in perspective, encourage players to behave with dignity in all circumstances

1. Support coaches in instilling these virtues,
2. Remember that young people play rugby for their own enjoyment not that of their parents.
3. Encourage young people to play – do not force them.
4. Focus on the players’ effort, rather than winning or losing.
5. Be realistic about players’ abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving.
6. Provide positive verbal feedback both in training and during the game.
7. Remember that persistent, negative messages wil adversely affect the players’ and referee’s performance and attitude.
8. Always support the CLUB in their efforts to eradicate loud, course and abusive behaviour from the game.
9. Remember young people learn much by example.
10. Always show appreciation of good play by all players both from their own club and the opposition.
11. Respect decisions made by the match official, even if they appear to make a mistake, encourage players to do likewise.