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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to another season of Junior Cricket at North Enfield. I'm led to believe the ground will soon dry out and Cricket will begin.

We are planning a 'welcome back' evening on our first Junior Session 22nd April, free cake, NECC Cap's and Bag's on sale, a raffle and, of course, the Bar will be open.

Our Junior Session's will run from Wednesday 22nd April until Wednesday 15th July inclusive. As always, we are at the mercy of the weather and will attempt to provide every session. However, if any sessions are missed for weather related safety reasons, we will try to offer another date at the end of term, dependent on the availability of our volunteer coaches.

For welfare and safety reasons places for Junior will be limited as in previous years and split into the following times;

- U7s – U11s (School Yr 1 - 7) 6.15pm – 7.15pm.
- U14s (School Yr 8 onwards) 7.00pm – 8.00pm.
- U15 and upwards will train separately.

We have entered four Junior Teams into the Herts Junior League for the 2020 season. U9s, U11s 8 aside hard ball, U14B's and U17s all have a schedule of matches. Fixtures are being finalised in the next week or so and unlike the previous few years there are no matches before our first junior session which should go some way to prevent the pre-season fixture panic of last year.

As previously, we request that the following attire is worn;

- For practice sessions; either full whites or white bottoms and a NECC Practice top (available from the Club Shop, accessible via our website home page).
- For matches; Full whites.
- All teams U11s and upwards will be playing hard ball cricket and will therefore require their own abdominal protection (box), gloves, pads and helmet for training sessions and matches (all named please). Please see <http://www.hertscricket.org/news/ecb-announces-helmetguidance-update-13676/> for helmet guidance. The club does have some helmets available to borrow, please speak to your child's coach.

It was agreed at the AGM to slightly increase our fee's in line with rising costs. This includes our league registration fees, kit and ground preparation. Match Fees will be payable separately at each match.

- First Child - £85 (includes Family Social Membership on the club)
- Two Children - £135.00
- Three Children - £185.00
- Four Children - £235.00
- Match Fee's will be £2 per game and must be given to the Coach taking the game prior to the match starting. Bringing the correct change will really help here.
- **Please** complete the attached forms, and pass it to me directly at the first session, **a new form is required each season.**

Our coaches put in a lot of hard work in their own time to run practice sessions and matches and appreciate some help from time to time so we will be looking for volunteers to 'man' the Tuck Shop on Wednesday evenings (contact Phil Jones to put your name forward) and assist with coaches on match days by volunteering to collect the Match Fees etc, Please speak to me or anyone at the Club, we never refuse help. Helpers will require a DBS check, we can arrange that for you very easily and free of charge, please ask.

North Enfield Cricket Club takes its responsibility for the Safeguarding of **all** members seriously and **all** coaches and volunteer helpers are fully DBS checked. North Enfield Cricket Club, through the hard work of its leadership team has achieved the Middlesex Cricket 'Clubmark' standard, a standard we are very proud of. I, together with my deputy have renewed our 'Safehands' qualifications so we remain compliant with Middlesex Cricket rules. The Middlesex Cricket County Welfare Officer has asked me to remind all members that the Club and Team WhatsApp groups are for the sharing of information from the club and team fixture / training information only and we should refrain from more personal communication within these groups. Live streaming of matches is discouraged Middlesex Cricket and you would be required to obtain permissions from both teams if you were to live stream a match.

Key dates for your diary;

- 28th/29th March and 4th/5th April (from around 10am) – Pre-Season Work Rota. We are responsible for our Ground and Club House and receive no paid assistance towards their up keep. Work Rota's are vital and require lots of effort from us all to ensure we can play cricket, please consider helping out, even an hour makes a difference. October dates will follow.
- September - Junior Presentation Evening. Details TBC.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at the first Junior Session of the new season.

Yours Sincerely,

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