

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4/5 Girls' Football Trials and Tournament

Solent Junior School has been invited to take part in a year 4/5 girls' football tournament on Monday 10th March at Goals football centre, Tangier Road with a 1.30 start and 4pm finish.

Whilst we have a year 5/6 girls' football team, we don't currently have a year 4/5 team and so in order to fairly select players, I would like to invite all interested girls, maximum of 30, to two trial sessions. The sessions will take place after school on **Tuesday 25th February and Tuesday 4th March until 4pm** (pupils should attend both dates where possible). The girls will just need to have their P.E kit in school on those days and will get changed in the 6S classroom after school. If they have shin pads, please bring them, but we do have some we can loan.

As with all competitive events, not all the girls who turn up for trials will be selected for the tournament. A maximum of 8 players will be chosen to take part in the tournament. It is always hard to select a team, but fortunately for our year 4/5 players, if they are unsuccessful this time, they can at least have some experience behind them and go into the following school year knowing that there is the option to sign up for the girls' football club and to try again.

The children will be spoken to in person on Wednesday 5th March (to give some reflection time after the trials) so they will then come home on this day knowing if they are in the team or not. We aim to follow this up on the same day with a confirmation email.

The tournament: Monday 10th March 2025

Our team will travel by minibus to the venue, leaving school towards the end of lunch time. **Parents and carers will need to make arrangements for collections from the venue (4pm at Goals, Tangier Road)** as we cannot return children to school.

If your child cannot attend, please let the school know ASAP so that her place can be offered to someone else.

The girls will be issued with their team kit in advance of the tournament and must remember to wear this to school on Monday 10th March. The girls' shirts are short sleeved, so it is advisable for them to have a long-sleeved t shirt/base layer which they can wear underneath, especially if the weather is cold! As part of the regulations, all players will need to provide and wear their own shin pads – these can be bought from most sports shops. Football boots that are suitable for AstroTurf are advisable, but metal studs are not allowed. If your daughter does not have football boots, then trainers will be adequate. It is advised that they bring with them tracksuit bottoms, their school jumper and a coat for when they are not playing.

Unfortunately, due to limited space at Goals and a large number of teams involved, parents/carers are unable on this occasion to come and support and may be turned away due to health and safety.

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Should the tournament be cancelled for any reason we will contact you as soon as possible to let you know.

Please complete the online form [HERE](#) by 3pm on Monday 24th February at the latest, if you are happy for your child to take part in these exciting events. Trial places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you are able to complete the form, it means your child has a place at the trials if the form is closed it means all 30 trials places have been taken.

Kind regards

Miss S Smith

Year 6 teacher and girls' football coach

