



GAA Youth Open Day



GAELIC FOOTBALL IN DORSET

Dear Parents/Guardians,

St Jude's GAA is a Gaelic football club, which covers Hampshire and Dorset. The club was set up in March 2013 by some of the local Irish community as a means of holding onto, and expressing, many of the fine qualities which the Gaelic Athletic Association represents. We have welcomed all players interested in Gaelic football and culture to our training sessions in Southampton and Bournemouth since the club's foundation.

As part of the club's development we are reaching out to the local community for support in helping to establish a youth section. As a club we have trained a team of coaches in safeguarding children according to the GAA in Britain's policies and standards (see www.britain.gaa.ie).

An open day introductory training session will be held on **Saturday 1st July from 12 midday to 1.30pm at Bournemouth Sports Club, Chapel Gate, Bournemouth, BH23 6BD**. Players will be provided with light refreshments after the training session. Following light refreshments there will be a Senior Men's Gloucestershire league fixture @ 3pm between St Jude's and Crawley Brighton Gaels.

The session is aimed at boys and girls in school years 4 to 6 but the invitation to get involved is open to everyone. All abilities are welcome and absolutely no experience is necessary. Gaelic football is a traditional Irish sport which has elements of football, basketball and rugby skills involved in it which makes it a three dimensional game full of excitement and scoring opportunities.

The aims of the session will be to introduce the children to the game, their families to the club and to ensure all those involved have a positive and fun experience of Gaelic football.

If you are interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

Youth Officer - Richard Graven - 07393 013274

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Secretary – Séan T Bradley - 07745 685220

We would be delighted to hear from you. You can also visit our Facebook page '**St Jude's GAA**'.

If you would be interested in your son or daughter attending, please email the club with name, age and school to secretary.stjudes.gloucestershire@gaa.ie to help us plan the open day.

Kind regards,

St Jude's Youth Committee