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Mini Match Officials Qualification

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In partnership with Referee Education, I am delighted to introduce **Mini Match Officials qualification**, RefEd's innovative and engaging initiative designed specifically for primary schools across Lancashire. This amazing opportunity is for year 4, 5 and 6.

More than simply learning about refereeing, this unique programme uses the role of the match official to develop essential life skills including **leadership, communication, confidence, resilience, teamwork, responsibility, and decision-making**. Through a combination of classroom learning and practical activities, pupils are empowered to become positive role models both in school and beyond. The skills developed through the programme can have a positive impact during lessons, PE, breaktimes, lunchtimes and wider school life.

This will take place in school on Wednesday 23rd September 2026 and it is 9am until 3pm. This qualification is limited to 16 pupils at a cost of £10 per pupil. This can be booked on Arbor. It will be a first come, first served basis.

Mr Leigh Doughty will be running the course, he is a current championship referee, you may have seen him on Sky Sports.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to have a qualification and I am hoping this will allow children to take on more leadership roles within school.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me about this amazing opportunity

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Bickerstaffe