

My son, Ciaran, started at Grass Roots Football Development School at a holiday camp as a boy desperate to play football but unconfident in mixing in new groups. John and Wendy provide an environment that is welcoming, safe, informative and fun.

Ciaran has learnt to develop all elements of his football skills but more importantly has been encouraged to partake in a group that encourages, supports and helps each other, no matter what their football abilities are.

He has continued to partake in both holiday camps and also weekly sessions and never tires of going! He enjoys the variety of activities, the chance to work in smaller and large groups and has always been encouraged to support and respect his peers. Ciaran has also developed good friends through attending the weekly sessions.

As a parent I feel secure that Ciaran is cared for, looked after and encouraged to develop both his football and social skills at an affordable price.

Winning and being the best is not the driving force of the Grass Roots Football Development School but taking part, being active, having a go and most importantly, having fun.

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**(Mom of Ciaran - aged 9 – Development School Member)**

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