



WHY IT'S NOT OK TO SAY 'THAT'S SO GAY!'  
DIFFERENT FOOTBALL FAMILIES  
KEEP ON PLAYING THE SPORT YOU LOVE

BE PART OF OUR TEAM  
AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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You should not call people names if they aren't good at football because this can put them off taking part in football and other sports for life. We all need to do some physical activity every week to stay fit and healthy.

The word 'gay' is used by some people to mean bad or rubbish, but this can hurt gay people and children who may have gay people in their families.

You should never call someone gay because they aren't as good at football as you, because they make a bad pass, miss a shot, or don't save a goal.

**ALWAYS** encourage your team mates if they are having a bad game. Putting people down and calling people names **NEVER** made anyone play better football.

In matches, remember to **RESPECT** the other team, and if they don't show you respect, tell the referee or teacher in charge and let them deal with it.

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# DIFFERENT FOOTBALL FAMILIES

Ethan lives with his mum. He has two brothers, so his mum can't always watch him play. She loves to hear all about the game when he comes home though.



Maddie lives with her grandad. She is captain of her team & last season they came third in their league. Maddie's grandad takes her to training every week and comes half an hour before the end to watch her skills.



Ryan has two dads and a brother. One of his dads coaches his team. Sometimes Ryan thinks it's tough having your dad as a coach, but when they win he loves it. Ryan's other dad thinks they talk about football a lot!



Hashim's mum and dad take it in turn to take him to matches. They give lifts to his mates and in winter always get a hot chocolate to drink on the way home.



Amy has two mums, they both watch her play football every week & cheer her on. One of her mums is a season ticket holder for a Premier League club.

**BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY ANY SPORT THEY WANT**

**“PLAYING LIKE A GIRL”**

**DON'T LET STEREOTYPES STOP YOU PLAYING THE SPORT YOU LOVE**



**GIRLS CAN PLAY FOOTBALL  
GIRLS CAN BE BOXERS  
GIRLS CAN SWIM  
GIRLS CAN BE GYMNASTS**

**AND**

**BOYS CAN BE GYMNASTS  
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BOYS CAN PLAY FOOTBALL**



**MANCHESTER CITY WOMEN'S CAPTAIN, STEPHANIE HOUGHTON, SAYS:**

**“Sport is a great way to bring people together so it's important to have mutual respect for each other, have fun and enjoy what you are doing.”**

