

**Let them play.
Let them lead.
Let them learn.**

Silent Support Weekend 25 - 26 February 2023



The purpose of the Silent Support Weekend is to allow young players to find their voice, make their own decisions and take control of their game. Help us listen to young players to make our youth game the best place to play football.

After the first Silent Support Weekend our young players told us it allowed them to talk more as a team, with more chances to make decisions and overall, it was more enjoyable.

However, they missed the support of their coach. We're running the trial again, this time the coach will be able to coach throughout the match.

We want you, your clubs and teams to be part of it and tell us what you think.

On the weekend, we're asking spectators to work together with coaches to provide a positive space for the players during the match. The coach can help the players where needed through the match and everyone can applaud good play from either team.

"It's giving them space to find their own game."

- Under 12s coach

"They are talking to each other more, playing their own game, this was the best way to try it out."

- Under 10s coach

"It was good as we got to make our own decisions, not the parents, not the coach, just the team."

- Under 12s player

"It can get confusing when lots of people are telling you what to do"

- Under 14s player