



JME/rmc

15 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: SAFIB U14 Boys International Football Festival  
Allen McKinstry Cup, May 2025  
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne**

Following our success in reaching the ESFA U13 National Finals last year, we have been invited to represent England at the prestigious U14 Allen McKinstry Cup, in Newcastle in May 2025. We will be playing against the champions from Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in what was formally known as the British Isles Cup. I've included a possible itinerary with this letter that has been provided by the SAFIB (Schools Association Football International Board).

**Dates**

Wednesday 14 May 2025, pm matches

Thursday 15 May 2025, am matches

Friday 16 May 2025, am (Finals Day, followed by presentation of medals and trophy)

**Cost**

Whilst this is a fantastic opportunity for the students to take part in, the trip comes at a considerable cost to the school and as such we will be asking for a **contribution of £160 towards the cost of the trip** to include travel, fixtures, facilities, officials, meals and accommodation across the three days.

**Accommodation**

All schools will be staying in the Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead Quayside – NE8 3AD. Students will be staying in twin rooms with en-suites and staff will be in rooms on the same floor. For safeguarding reasons any supporters are asked to book alternative accommodation elsewhere.

**Included Meals**

The following meals will be available:

Wednesday – dinner buffet after the games.

Thursday – breakfast, lunch after the games, dinner.

Friday – breakfast before checkout.

Please provide any dietary requirements on the attached form.

**Travel Details**

We will travel to Newcastle via minibus and students should bring some money or a packed lunch to eat on the way to Newcastle on Wednesday 14 May and have enough money to be able to buy something at the services on the way home on Friday 16 May. Please don't provide them with fizzy drinks or sweets for the bus as we want to avoid travel sickness.

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## **Kit List**

Tracksuit to travel in (navy or black sports tracksuit) preferably NSB branded.

Evening clothes for meal and evening activity.

Overnight bag with toiletries and sleepwear for both nights.

Kit bag for match day – boots, shin pads, water bottle, tape and any other personal/medical items you may need.

NSB shorts and socks.

Playing shirt will be provided as usual but I would also advise bringing sports tracksuit bottoms and a warm coat in case we experience poor weather.

## **Expectations**

It is imperative the boys travel and behave in a professional manner, not only will we be representing NSB, but we will also be representing England, whilst at this tournament. Considering preparation for the game, no fizzy drinks or sweets should be on the bus, in bags or in the hotel rooms please. We will ensure students eat appropriately in the evenings and before the games. **Please provide them with £20-£30 for the return journey to spend at the services when required.**

As the trip will include overnight stays, we require parents to complete a Consent Form by **Friday 24 January**.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me:  
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Yours Sincerely,

Mr J Melling  
*Director of Football*  
*Curriculum Team Leader of PE*



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Schools Association Football International Board

## SAFIB Allen McKinstry Cup International Tournament U14 Boys

Hosted by the English Schools FA in Newcastle, May 2025

### Participating Schools (U13 National Cup Winners / Season 2023-2024)

England A:	Thomas Telford School, Shropshire
England B:	Northampton School for Boys, Northamptonshire
Northern Ireland:	Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, Belfast
Republic of Ireland:	St Gerald's College, Castlebar, County Mayo
Scotland:	St John's RC High School, Dundee
Wales:	Bishopston Comprehensive School, Swansea

### POSSIBLE ITINERARY

#### Wednesday

2:00pm	Teams may check into hotel
2:30pm	Team Managers to meet with SAFIB and ESFA Officials
4:00pm	Match 1
5:30pm	Match 2 and Match 3
8:00pm	Dinner for all Teams, Staff and Officials

#### Thursday

8:00am	Breakfast for all teams
10:00am	Match 1
11:30am	Match 2 and Match 3
1:30pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Tour of St James Park, Newcastle United Football Club (tbc)
8:00pm	Dinner for all Teams, Staff and Officials

#### Friday

8:00am	Breakfast for all teams
9:00am	Check out of bedrooms
10:00am	Match 1 and Match 2
11:30am	Match 3

### Presentation of Allen McKinstry Cup to winning school

1:00pm	Teams free to depart
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