



To all schools in membership ERFSU
cc Hon Secretaries CSUs

Dear Head Teacher / Director of Rugby

England Schools Rugby Football Union (ESRFU) in the media

Yesterday saw a significant publicity surrounding England Schools' Rugby, with views being expressed about whether it should be a compulsory feature in the curriculum, unless the tackle is banned below U18.

You may also have seen among those being interviewed on various channels, Adam White, who appeared to be credited on some as being an ERFSU spokesman. This categorically is not the case. Adam was not empowered to be our spokesperson and was not reflecting our position on the topics, nor were we aware he was speaking publicly.

The ERFSU continues to work with many colleagues in our member schools to help monitor, evaluate and advise on how best to continue to improve player safety across all school and youth rugby. Alongside RFU staff we continually examine how we can help you provide rugby safely in a fun and inclusive way to all pupils.

We are committed to raising awareness to the concussion protocol and promoting coaching and refereeing courses as part of teachers' continuing professional development. We are in an era where qualifications should be coupled to experience and if you need further information on courses for your staff do use the links below.

We are proud of the RFU's successful All Schools' programme, which is increasing participation and of the growth being seen in girls' rugby. The many positive benefits and enjoyment of team sport, and in particular the discipline and respect that is instilled in rugby players are considerable.

As ever we welcome exchanging ideas and views with you on any aspect of Schools' Rugby.

Yours sincerely

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