



WREXHAM AFC ACADEMY

ACADEMY HOST FAMILY RECRUITMENT

CLOSING DATE: 1ST MAY 2024

Wrexham AFC Academy is seeking to recruit accommodation providers for our young apprentice footballers aged 16 to 18 years old for the 2024 – 2025 season. If you think your family can work with us to play a key role in the development of our young players, then we would like to hear from you.

Host family background

From time to time some apprentice players need to stay with host families. Host families are crucial in assisting young players on their apprenticeship journey in football, as some need to stay with host families to take the opportunity of full-time employment at the Football Club. We rely on our network of excellent host families to help us care for our academy players during the season, always providing young players with a safe and comfortable 'home from home'.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for local households interested in hosting academy players living away from home. Primarily this will be for a full season. We are also looking for families who are willing to host trialists for the academy at various times throughout the season.

Accommodation will generally be required from a Sunday evening until Saturday morning during the football season, with a break over Christmas and from the middle of May - throughout June and the off season. (approximately 40 – 44 weeks of the year). Some players might require 7-night accommodation, so please let us know if that is something you can offer.

We recognise the commitment of every household to providing a warm safe and caring environment and in return will always offer full support and guidance.

Location Requirements & Family Suitability:

We are looking for households in the local area, preferably within a 3-mile radius of Wrexham AFC and our training ground. It is essential good transport links exist locally to ensure our young people can travel to training, games, and college.

The young person will require their own room, although a room share would be considered if more than one player can be housed, and they must be provided with breakfast, a packed lunch if required and an evening meal which meets the nutritional demands of a professional athlete. Access to laundry facilities and Wi-Fi are essential.

A family that supports our young people by teaching them basic independent living and self-care skills such as washing, cooking, and cleaning up after themselves are also important to us.

Additional information

During the time the young person is with a host family, regular club visits will be expected to check how things are going with the host family and the welfare of the player.

As part of the recruitment process, the Club would complete several visits to determine the suitability of the location and to ensure that the home meets the requirements for hosting a young player with the Football Club and strict EFL guidelines.

Next steps...

If you think you and your family could make a difference and support our young players, please email to arrange an informal discussion about being a host family, the application process and remuneration for the role.

Safer recruitment:

You will be required to complete a full application form. All applicants, and any occupants of the home over the age of 16 years old, will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) check. This will be funded by the football club. Two written references will also be required. Applicants will, in addition, need to demonstrate that the accommodation meets certain safety standards in accordance with EFL guidelines.

If you feel that you fit the criteria above and are interested in finding out more information or applying to be considered for this paid role, please contact Zoe.Denman-Ellis@wrexhamafc.co.uk