

# POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

As a coach, feedback is a critical tool that helps maximise player development and foster effective grassroots coaching. It is essential for coaches to communicate their expectations to players and promote their learning of football. This is **effective through positive reinforcement and encouragement** as children become highly motivated when their mastering of skills is recognised and praised.

Constructive feedback that also recognises and encourages players' progress helps establish a positive learning environment that stimulates players to continually improve their skills.

"That was a good try but maybe next time can you ....."

"I love the way ... is using both their feet"

"I like the way ... is trying their best to take on the defender at speed"

"That was an excellent decision"

"Can everyone see how ..... is doing his best to face forward every time? Good effort"

"Those killer passes are starting to work now, well done!"

