Dear Teacher/Coach,

Sale Sharks Under 13 DPP Nomination 2018-19.

Sale Sharks Academy are pleased to launch our Developing Player Programme (DPP) across the North West for the 2018-19 season. The DPP is a joint initiative run between Sale Sharks Academy, England Rugby and Cheshire and Lancashire CB's and is designed to provide a first opportunity for players with the greatest potential to enter the pathway towards the professional game. The DPP runs from 7 Centres across the North West: East, Central, West, Manchester, Merseyside, North Lancashire and The Isle of Man.

At this stage in the season we would like to invite nominations for Under 13 players. Schools/Clubs can nominate a maximum **of 5 players per age grade**, whom are either stand out rugby union players or talented athletes from other sports with the ability to excel in the game. The nomination form can be found below, whilst further information and guidance around the nomination process and players to nominate can be found on our website.

The u13 age grade will act as a longitudinal assessment period with players invited to attend sessions with the aim of developing both their enjoyment and progression in the game. At the end of the final session in April information will follow to invite players to the U14 DPP Assessment at the start of October in the 2019-20 season.

The playing curriculum will be designed by Sale Sharks Academy and focus on the individual development of core skill, game understanding and athleticism. Please be assured the programme is designed to interact with and complement the existing school, club and county playing programmes and provide further development opportunity without the conflict of competition.

Please find the link below to nominate under 13 players with a **closing date of Friday 1st February.**

DPP Nomination Form

Thank you in advance for your support of the DPP and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards,

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