

# Congratulations on taking part in the Essex Stragglers Schools Orienteering Festival



## ESSEX STRAGGLERS JUNIOR MINI SERIES

Orienteering is an outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. It does not matter how young, old or fit you are, as you can run, walk or jog and progress at your own pace.

These events are specifically aimed to introduce children and their parents to the sport. However all our events have courses suitable for all abilities - see our website for more details.

**Saturday 24th June Great Notley Country Park**  
**Saturday 22nd July Castle Park, Colchester**  
**Saturday 29th July Maldon Promenade Park**  
**Saturday 19th August Danbury Country Park**

### Format

Four events for school age children held on Saturday afternoons with start times between 1pm - 2.30pm  
Parents and younger children are encouraged to give it a go!

Each competitor will locate as many controls in the time allowed (30 minutes) by deciding the quickest route.  
Points will be awarded for each control successfully located within the time limit.  
Cloth badges will be awarded to all those who navigate to more than 25 controls across the series.

### Registration

Course registration is open from 1pm to 2.30pm. Most are based near to the park cafes but look out for the green SOS banner. Competitors will need to complete a registration form. They will receive a map with the course printed on it and an electronic timing chip. All children will need to bring a watch. Parents can talk through the course and can shadow (follow) inexperienced competitors around the course but please let children navigate themselves.

### Children Free

Participating Adults £3

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