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Sports Day Updated Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ahead of Sports Day for Years One to Six on Friday, 14th June and Early Years on Tuesday, 18th June, we just wanted to highlight a few details and some slight changes to arrangements to ensure the events run as smoothly as possible.

Entering/exiting the site

We have taken feedback from parents/carers from last years event about access in and out of the school during the sporting events. Our intention on keeping gates closed once the events started until the end was solely for the purpose of keeping our children as safe as possible, with so many pupils, parents/carers, and family members all over the site and ensuring that we reduced any possibility for anybody to leave the site who did not have permission. However, we recognise that for some family members they may not be able to attend from the beginning of the day, and we do not wish to prevent them from being able to attend.

Therefore, the field gate (marked below) will be manned by a staff member throughout the course of the day on the 14th June, and for the morning of the 18th June. This gate will open when all other entrance gates are shut after morning drop-off, at approximately 9.00am. Access to the field gate is via the footpath, just off Glenton Green to the left-hand side of the building.



The field gate will remain open and manned by a member of staff all day on the 14th, and will close at 3.00pm, when the normal pupil entrance/exit gates will once again open.

The field gate will remain open and manned by a member of staff on the 18th June between 9.00am until approximately 12.30pm when the EYFS sports morning and lunch finishes.

PE Kits and equipment

All children will need to arrive at school wearing their PE kit at the usual time on the 14th or 18th June, and they will go to their class to be registered as normal. Parents/carers with children in Years One, Two and Three should make their way to the school field ready for the 9.15am start and parents/carers with children in Years Four, Five and Six should return in the afternoon prior to the 1.15pm start (if not already at the picnic) via the field gate.

Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before school and that they also have a clearly labelled water bottle and a sun hat.

Picnic lunch for Years One to Six on the 14th June

You are welcome to join your child/ren for a picnic lunch on the school field at approximately 12.00pm. This is for all children in Years One to Six and they will be taken outside at 12.00pm with the staff for their lunch to which parents/carers can then come and join them should you wish to. At approximately 12.45pm, all children will return to class. Children in Years Four, Five and Six will go to the toilet before we begin the sports activities in the afternoon at 1.15pm and parents/carers of children in Years Four, Five and Six should remain on the field during this time. Parents/carers of children in Years One, Two and Three will be able to leave the school site after the picnic lunch and the children will return to normal lessons in the afternoon.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is paramount, and sports days can present a challenge in terms of the number of adults on the site, together with a high number of children. We are therefore asking for your support in the following arrangements for the safety of your children:

- All the school gates will be locked throughout the event days, except for the field gate which is manned by a staff member as stated. Do not try to enter by any other gate or via the main reception foyer.
- We will be asking parents/carers to remain behind a spectator line, so that there is a clear line of visibility around the children, and so that staff know where children are.
- School staff will remain responsible for your child during the activities, but if you do attend for the picnic lunch, your child will be sitting with you and under your responsibility. Class teachers and support staff will ensure that those children who do not have an adult attending the picnic are supervised and remain with them.
- Should any of the parents/carers or family members require the use of the toilet during the event, we have designated the nearest toilets which are positioned between Year One Elm and Year Two Oak classroom, and can be accessed via the playground, at the bottom of the steps leading to the field. These toilets will be solely for use for visiting adults, and pupils will not be using them on this day.

In the event of bad weather...

We will communicate to parents/carers by latest of 7.30am on each day should we decide to postpone due to the weather. We have earmarked Monday 17th June as a reserve day for Years One to Six, if required.

We hope you will be able to join us and fingers crossed for some lovely weather!

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Ryan Collard
Reception Birch Class Teacher and PE Lead