



“Together We Achieve”

May 18 2022

Sports Day – Wednesday 8 June 2022

We are excited (and a little bit nervous!) to announce that parents are invited to attend our Sports Day this year. The last time we were able to invite parents was 2019 – which seems a long time ago now. There have been a lot of changes in our staffing and safeguarding procedures since then, and many of the children have never experienced Sports Day with an audience.

Sports Day brings excited children, staff trying to be in three places at once, and parents who want to be really involved. Therefore, we have put this guide together to help you to help us to ensure that things run as smoothly and safely as possible!

What happens at Sports Day?

Children work in their house teams to complete a round-robin of activities around the school site. They move from one activity to the next, which means that all children are involved at all times. We will be letting the children (and you) know which group they are in nearer the time.

Whilst on site, we ask that all visitors spectate from the viewing area closest to their child’s team. Chairs and benches will be placed for parents to use, or you can stand behind the seated area to ensure the children have enough space to compete safely and so the staff can supervise all children appropriately.

With this in mind, ***we ask that parents do not bring in drinks or snacks to give to their children during the event.*** They will have an opportunity to have their usual snack during the morning and there are drinks’ stations factored into the organisation.

Arriving at and leaving the school site

Our school site is very tricky to manage and safeguard during events like this, as there is only the gate between the children and the road. This means that we need you to help us to keep everyone safe by keeping to the times stated and following the directions given by staff on the day. Keeping your children safe is our number one priority. We not only have to make sure that the children participating are safe, but also those in the school building. We ask that you turn left as you come in the gate, following our usual one-way system. If you require the toilet, please go to reception where one of our admin team will point you in the right direction. A map of the events will be available soon.

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Morning Events – EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2)

Arrival for parents – 9.25-9.40am South Street Gate (Finishing around 11.00am)

Start time – 9.45am

Afternoon Events – Key Stage 2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)

Arrival for parents – 1.10-1.25pm South Street Gate (Finishing around 2.45pm)

Start time – 1.30pm

Please note that in order to safeguard the school site, the pupils, staff and visitors, we are unable to open the gates at other times and once they are closed and unsupervised – they will remain closed.

Sun Safety

As we know, the weather can be unpredictable. Please follow the following advice to ensure your child is safe in the sun on the day. Even if it doesn't look that sunny, it is important that precautions are taken:

- SLIP on a t-shirt (which covers the shoulders)
- SLOP on SPF 30+ broad spectrum UVA sunscreen.
- SLAP on a broad brimmed hat.
- SLIDE on quality sunglasses.
- SEEK SHADE from the sun whenever possible.

On the day, please ensure your child:

- **Comes to school wearing sun cream.** (Unfortunately, we don't have the capacity to put sun cream on children.)
- **Has a water bottle** so that they can keep hydrated during the day.
- **Brings a named sun hat to school.**

Photography

We know your children are really looking forward to parents cheering them on at this event – and it would be great to see you all clapping and cheering. We ask that you only take photographs of your child and that photographs taken in school are for personal use and not to be shared online.

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What if the weather is poor?

We will inform you through Parent Hub at the earliest opportunity if we have to postpone the event due to poor weather. We know what the Great British Weather can be like, so once a decision is made to postpone (even if it brightens up later) we will stick to that decision. If the event is postponed, we have an **alternative date of Wednesday 6 July** in the diary – with the same timings and organisation. If the weather is poor on the alternative date, unfortunately we will not be able to hold the event at another time.

Information about activities, maps for the day and team information will be shared as soon as we have those ready.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to cheer on the children in their house competition!

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