



Dear Parents / Carers,

24 May 2019

SPORTS DAY

Monday 1 July 9.30am – 12 midday

Having listened to the feedback from parents over the past few years, I have decided to completely overhaul our arrangements for Sports Day this year. We have had the same format for a long time and I know that many of you felt that it lacked variety. Therefore, this year, our Sports Day will look like this:

Firstly, children will no longer sit and watch as their peers run races. Instead, all classes from the Infants and Juniors will compete in a series of sporting challenges together, scoring points for their houses as they go. There will be different activities that require different skills so that it will not just be the fastest runners who experience success. Talent spotters will award special stickers for sportsmanship and skill, and every child will receive a sticker for their participation at the end.

Parents will be able to follow their children around the field and playground, giving encouragement and seeing them participate. If you have children in different classes, you can go from one to another as you wish. Class teachers may be approaching you to help with scoring on the day.

Running alongside the main activities, there will also be some 'elite competition' in sports such as tennis and archery that have not traditionally been a part of our sports day. Qualifiers for these events will be held in the coming weeks.

At the end of the events, the scores will be announced and then we would like you to invite you to stay on site and join us for a picnic lunch on the school field. You can bring food and drink (no alcohol, please) and sit out in the sunshine together as a whole school community. Children who have a school lunch will be given a picnic lunch by the kitchen on that day but you are welcome to supplement this with more from home. Please be mindful of our policy regarding NUTS. There should be no nuts on school premises. To mark the end of their time with us, Year 6 parents will also be served with strawberries and cream as a thank you from the staff.

I am really looking forward to this new look Sports Day and I hope that it will be a very enjoyable experience for all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Austin'.

Richard Austin
Head of School