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15Y/SportsDayLetter/RAP/MP/LB

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Whole School Sports Day Friday 12th July 2019

This is a great day for all students, bringing the whole school together as a community. The emphasis of the day is on participation and team spirit, and pupils are encouraged to get involved, either as a performer or by taking on a different role such as team manager. **All students are required to attend whether they are competing or not, as this is registered as a normal school day.**

Arrivals information

- All students will be expected to be at school for **8.35 am** and should report to their relevant bus number on the front pitch. The bus number will be identified with a board.
- At this point students will be registered by the bus leader.
- **All incidents of truancy will be followed up. Sports Day is a compulsory day for all students without exception.**
- Students need to make sure that they know which bus they are on and must also make sure they have all their equipment. It is not a non-uniform day as such as you will be replacing your School uniform for P.E. uniform. No student will be allowed to compete without correct SMWCA kit.
- When your bus number is called you will make your way with your form tutor to the relevant bus.

Dismissals information

- All students who wish to make their own way home or are being collected by a parent from Northwood Stadium must return the reply slip to the main office by **Friday 5th July 2019. If you do not respond by this date it will be presumed that you wish your child to be brought back to school on the coach.**
- Students making their own way home will be dismissed from Northwood at 2.15 pm.
- Any student who has not returned a reply slip will not be dismissed from Northwood and must come back on the buses to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy. **Please do not just arrive to pick your child up without letting us know that this is happening as it will result in a great deal of organisation problems.**
- As a new method of speeding up the dismissal process, students will be given a wrist band to indicate whether they are on a bus or going directly home. Students who are coming back on the buses will be given a red band and those who are making their own way home will be given a green wrist band.
- Students returning to school will be dismissed from the front pitch at approximately 3.00 pm, and will make their way home in the normal manner.
- Please note that if you are picking your child up from Northwood stadium there is now a car parking charge.

If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.



Sports Day Details

It is essential that all students arrive properly equipped for this event:

- All students MUST wear school P.E. kit, a warm jumper and tracksuit trousers. Students will not be allowed to compete unless they have the correct kit.
- All students MUST bring waterproof clothing, sunscreen, a packed lunch and plenty of water.
- All students will be expected to remain in their designated form area during the event when not competing. Nobody is to leave the grand stand unless they are competing.
- Staff will have toilet passes and one student from each form will be allowed to use these facilities at any one time.
- Students eligible for Free School Meals will be given a packed lunch in the stand.

Parental support is always welcome at Sports Day. We will have a specific area set aside for viewing and if you would like to attend please indicate on the attached reply slip. Please enter by the main entrance to the track and you will be directed to the viewing area. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accommodate parents and spectators in the undercover area, so please come prepared for the weather.

Wet Weather Procedures – July 12th 2019

Due to the British weather being unpredictable, students must come prepared for rain or shine. Students will be seated in the main stand which is undercover. However, if the weather is hot and sunny, students must be equipped with sun-screen already applied and water. In the unlikely event that we have to cancel sports day due to adverse weather conditions we will send a message via School comms and the school website before 7.45 am on Friday 12th July. If this happens all students will be expected to be in school for normal lessons in full uniform.

We ask that students do not bring ipads or mobile phones on the day. In previous years we have had to confiscate several phones due to inappropriate usage. Also, due to being off site, theft, damage and loss will not be covered by the school's insurance policy. The school cannot be held responsible for any issues relating to ipads or phones on the day.

Finally, Sports Day has been a great success in recent years and it has been largely due to the students' and the support from Parents/Carers. We would be delighted to welcome you on the day as spectators; programmes will be available prior to the day and on the day itself. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the P.E Department at school.

Yours faithfully

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