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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on our arrangements for sports day this year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to this event and as we have taken the opportunity to make some changes to our traditional sports day, I thought it would be helpful to update everyone on what to expect and how it will run.

Timings

Sports day will be held on Tuesday 5th July and begin at 1.30pm. You will be able to access the school field from 1.15pm, via the bottom carpark gates. The gates will be closed at 1.30pm for safety reasons and parents and carers will not be able to come and go from the school site, only leaving once the event has finished. Children will parade back off the field and return to their classrooms at the end of the event. We will dismiss the children to you at their normal pick up time and place. No child will be released directly to any parent or carer on the school field.

Activities

We will be running a carousel of 6 races, with each class participating in coloured teams, at the same time. We hope this will eliminate the need for children to have to sit for long periods of time, waiting to take part in their next race. Staff will fully supervise and support the children running the races, parents and carers will be invited to gather near their children's class, supporting not only their own child but also cheering and supporting the whole class group. The children will parade onto the school field, at the start of the event and we will then allow time for parents and carers to gather near their child's class before starting the first race. We are of course aware that many parents and carers have more than one child at the school so suggest, if at all possible in these cases, more than one parent/extended family member attends. We are mindful that may not be possible for all families and have designed the layout so that you will be able to pop between classes to support each child.

Coloured Teams

Each child will be assigned a coloured team this year and will need to wear a t-shirt in their team colours. Your child's class teacher will inform you which coloured team your child has been assigned to shortly. Please do not buy a coloured t-Shirt specifically for sports day, any t-shirt that is mainly your child's team colours will work, it can have a design or pattern on.

Weather

We will monitor the weather closely leading up to the event and should the forecast be for very wet, unsafe conditions, unfortunately, the event will not be able to go ahead. Should the forecast be for very hot conditions,

we will run a shorter event and enact our hot weather plan for the children, to ensure they have adequate shade and water breaks.

Parking

If at all possible please leave your car at home and walk to this event.

If you must drive, please park considerately and safely. Please do not block anyone's driveway. In the past, inconsiderate and dangerous parking has meant emergency vehicles have not been able to access the surrounding roads on event days, not only putting local residents in danger but also our children.

Seating/Food and drink

There will be no seating provided for parents and carers, due to the nature of the carousel type plan, parents and carers will be moving around the field most of the afternoon. Please feel free to bring a light weight camping type chair if you feel the need. A polite reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted, anywhere on the school site. Refreshments will not be served so feel free to bring your own bottled water etc should you wish to. Please take any bottles and rubbish home with you at the end of the event. Alcohol is also not permitted anywhere on the school site.

Toilets

Parents and Carers will have access to toilet facilities in a building just off the school field. Staff will escort all children to their toilets, within the school building, should that be needed.

Siblings

We ask that older siblings do not attend this event please. If you are unable to leave a younger sibling in the care of someone else they must remain with you, their parent and carer at all times.

Photographs

I appreciate you may wish to take photographs of your child at this special event in their lives. I ask that you be mindful, if posting pictures on social media platforms, of only showing your child and respecting other parents and carers right to choose whether to share their child's image on these platforms.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 5th July.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred Headteacher