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Dear Parents/Carers

RGSHW SPORTS FIXTURE GUIDANCE

As we are already well into a very busy Autumn term of fixtures, I wanted to take this opportunity to ensure that all parents, carers and students are aware of the school guidelines regarding fixture timings, appropriate attire for players and the procedure for spectators.

Our foremost priority remains student safety and wellbeing, whether RGS or our opposition. To ensure that everyone can enjoy home fixtures in a secure environment, we have implemented specific safeguarding arrangements for spectators. These measures are designed to protect students while maintaining an atmosphere that allows for active spectator participation and enjoyment.

All fixture information is available to view on our bespoke fixture website [SOCS](#) - individuals should click on the relevant fixture to view start time, location, team sheets, staffing and additional information. For any queries about fixtures or if you need assistance with [SOCS](#), please contact Catherine Henry (cah@rgshw.com) or Nathan Crinyion (nic@rgshw.com) in the Sports Department.

We look forward to seeing you at our fixtures and thank you for your continued involvement, support and enthusiasm for RGSHW Sport.

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Fixtures during the school day

Fixture meet time before 12:15

If a team is leaving/meeting before breaktime or at the very beginning of break, there is an understanding that they may not have the opportunity to change. **These students may arrive in RGS kit to attend school.** They are expected to attend in RGS kit, trainers or school footwear and **not in sliders/crocs** or any other footwear. In many instances they will have to change into school uniform after the fixture. In these instances, students will need to bring their school uniform in their school or kitbag.

Fixture meet time after 12:15

If a team is leaving/meeting after 12:15, students are expected to arrive in school in full school uniform with their sports kit packed in a kit bag. Students then have the opportunity to either change before travelling to the fixture (at break) or depending on the fixture to change on arrival at the fixture. This will be dependent on the type of fixture and venue. This will be communicated to students and parents in team sheets via SOCS.

Fixture meet time after 13:30

If a team is leaving/meeting after 13:30, students are expected to arrive in school in full school uniform with their sports kit packed in a kit bag. Students then have the opportunity to either change before travelling to the fixture (at lunchtime) or depending on the fixture to change on arrival at the fixture. This will be dependent on the type of fixture and venue. This will be communicated to students and parents in team sheets via SOCS.

Travelling to fixtures

- **Meet time before 12:15** - RGS sports kit to be worn to school
- **Meet time after 12:15** - Full school uniform to be worn
- **No Crocs or sliders to be worn travelling to/from fixtures**
- Students attending lessons in kit **must** wear tracksuit bottoms for science
- School uniform is mandatory post-match unless specifically told otherwise

Students travelling to tournaments

There may be specific requirements for students travelling to tournaments that last all day or over the weekend. Details will be communicated directly to parents and students in this instance.

Weekend Fixtures

All information regarding meet times, uniform and kit is communicated via team sheets on SOCS and to students via Google Classrooms etc.

PROCEDURES & GUIDANCE FOR HOME FIXTURE SPECTATORS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Whilst we openly encourage parents, relatives and guardians to come and watch their children play sports fixtures we also have to balance this with a safeguarding culture and ensuring that the school knows exactly who is on site, particularly during the school day.

Arrival of Spectators - (Monday to Friday)

Spectators should not normally be on site before 14:15. If a fixture kicks off earlier we will try to make it possible but this cannot be guaranteed. This is to minimise student contact with visitors and visitor access to the site when large numbers of students are not in designated teaching areas.

Spectators should access the site via the main pedestrian gate on Hamilton Road and will need to be signed in at Reception in School House and given an appropriate visitor badge.

During the school day visitors wishing to watch Sports fixtures should not enter via the boarding gate (all visitors need to be signed in with the main school office).

Visitors should be accompanied by staff, two student runners or a sixth form student to take them to the location of the fixture.

If multiple visitors arrive and the runners are already accompanying visitors to the pitch side, they may be asked to wait in the waiting room until the runners return.

In the event of a Cup final or longer matches starting earlier in the day. Special arrangements may be made to allow spectators to arrive earlier. This will be communicated on a fixture by fixture basis.

Weekend Spectators

All spectators welcome, no sign in required.

DOGS ON SITE

Monday to Friday - No dogs are allowed on site during the school week.

Weekends - Dogs may be on site if they are on a lead and are well behaved. There is an expectation that owners clear up after their dogs and take waste home. There are no dog waste bins available on the school site.