



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Cross Country Club

We are pleased to inform you that our PE specialists Mr Hackfath & Mrs Ellis will be offering an after school cross country for pupils in Key Stage 2. To ensure the health and safety of pupils attending, these clubs will be offered to year group bubbles.

Day	Year Group	Start / End date
Monday	3	28/9/20 – 2/11/20
Tuesday	6	29/9/20 – 3/11/20
Wednesday	4	30/9/20 – 4/11/20
Thursday	5	1/10/20 – 5/11/20

The club will run for a total of 5 weeks and finish at 4.15pm each evening. All adults collecting children will need to queue socially distanced at the rear school gate by the pre-school and the children will be brought over for collection. Alternatively, if your child has permission to walk home by themselves please indicate on the attached form. If your child doesn't have PE on a day when they are attending a club, they will be able to come into school in their PE kit.

If you would like your child to take part in the club, please complete the Microsoft Form by clicking the following link;

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNFC2niREa7JAsPVyoDJAmI9UNzlaTKJBNU9URINLTOEwWFYxUDJMVTkwMCM4u>

This needs to be completed by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. Please ensure contact and collection details are fully completed on the form.

**You will be advised by Class Dojo whether your child has a place or not, please do not assume they have a place after returning the application form.**

If your child is not able to attend for any reason, please contact the school office who can inform Mrs Ellis and Mr Hackfath not to expect your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Andrews  
Headteacher

## **Parent Permission Form – After School Clubs 2020-2021**

### **Parkland Primary School Sports Team/Individual Selection Policy**

During the school year, Parkland Primary School plays a number of competitive games against other schools. For these games teams need to be selected. Team selection can sometimes be an area of tension between parents, coaches and players so we have outlined some principles around which our selection policy is based. It is a vital part of being a school that parents understand and are supportive of the selection policy used.

How each team chooses its players is ultimately the decision of the sports coaches but elements of the following will be common to team's selection policy.

The school will make every effort to ensure that all children have the opportunity to represent the school in some form during their time at Parkland Primary School. However, due to the number, type of fixtures and lack of opportunities this is not always possible.

#### **Attendance**

Players need to attend training sessions/clubs as well as matches. Players that turn up week in week out for training will, to some extent, be given precedence over those that don't. The extent to which attendance is used as the basis for selection is up to the coaches. There will be occasions where players cannot attend training for a wide range of legitimate reasons (e.g. prior commitments, child care or representative restrictions on time) which will be discussed with the coaches.

#### **Ability**

It is the stated aims, and the purpose, of the school to provide children with educational experiences and allow players of all ability to play sport both recreationally and competitively regardless of ability. At Parkland we enter a range of elite, non-elite and inclusive competitions. Our coaching is based around the view that each player should be developed to his or her maximum potential. However, sport is competitive on many occasions and the school has as much responsibility to develop talented players to their full potential as well as those with more development needs. This means that some teams or competitions may operate squads streamed on ability to help ensure that the coaching is delivered to the level most appropriate to those players' abilities. This also means that some team selection will be based on ability.

Every player selected for a match, competition, tournament or festival should play some part in that match – no child should be selected for a squad and made to sit out the entire game. However there maybe occasions where only the very best will play if knock out matches mean teams cannot progress. All substitutes will be notified of this before the match and can opt not to attend without prejudice. Some team selection may also be affected by the ability of the opposition. Selection of ability is the Coaches discretion and all parties need to respect this. For some individual competitions e.g. gymnastics, athletics, where clubs/training are not available, pupils may be selected through their performance in lessons.

#### **Motivation, commitment, and attitude**

Players who try hard at training and in matches serve as a valuable example to their teams and sometimes this attitude is as valuable as talent. Players who show commitment may be selected ahead of more talented players with a less positive attitude.

### **Behaviour**

To be selected to represent the school is a privilege not a right and as such it needs to be earned. Bad behaviour by players will not be tolerated and the coach has the right to use team selection as a sanction against bad behaviour if he or she sees fit. There may also be occasions where poor behaviour in school may prevent players from being selected for the school team regardless of their ability. This will be agreed by the Headteacher and coaches.

### **Commitment by Parents and Children**

We hope that all parents will read this policy and understand and accept the difficulties that selection can pose for coaches and the school. All sports teams are run on a voluntary and good will basis, without this the school would not be able to enter any fixtures. We ask all parents and children to support this policy, without this support children will be unable to participate in the school's extracurricular sporting activities and fixtures.

## **After School Clubs**

### **After School Sports Club Behaviour policy:**

Our after school sports clubs are always very popular with our children and therefore places are limited. This helps to ensure that the club is of a high standard and that children are supervised safely. More often than not there are children on waiting lists who would also like to attend clubs. We view it as a privilege for children to be able to attend clubs and not a right, therefore poor behaviour by children at clubs will not be tolerated. This year we will be working on a '3 strike policy' over the course of a term. If a child receives 3 strikes for poor behaviour then they will no longer be permitted to attend ANY club for the remainder of the term and/or the following term. If a child attends more than 1 after school club, strikes are accumulative across all the clubs which they attend.

Where possible a member of staff will inform you after the club when your child has been given a strike, either by speaking to you when you collect your child or via a phone call.

### **After School Sports Clubs Cancellation Policy:**

There may be occasions when after school clubs need to be cancelled, due to weather conditions, sports fixtures or unforeseen circumstances. We will always try to let parents/carers know well in advance if we know that a club won't be able to go ahead, however this is not always possible. On occasion it may mean that a text message gets sent on the day of the club to let you know it has been cancelled. If weather conditions mean outdoor clubs cannot take place, we will always try to move the club indoors. However this may mean joining two separate clubs together to do a completely different activity, such as benchball, so that children do not miss out.

### **After School Sports Clubs Kit Policy:**

It is really important that children have suitable kit for our after school sports clubs. This could be ordinary PE kit, but an additional kit would be ideal as sometimes kits can get muddy outside. If a child does not have suitable kit, and there is no spare kit for them to borrow, it may mean that they are unable to take part in the club. For clubs which will primarily take place on the field, i.e. football, tag rugby etc, boots and shin pads are highly recommended, along with a carrier bag for muddy kit.

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