



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### PE & Games

**Question: What do I do if my child is off Games?**

Answer: Pupils must be placed off Games by our Health Centre staff. They are then to watch Games lessons on all days apart from Wednesday afternoon when they can be picked up at lunchtime, by arrangement, or attend the library to complete homework or to read.

**Question: Why do all pupils in each year group not participate in every match?**

Answer: The opposition are unable to field more teams. It is always our policy to field as many teams as possible.

**Question: Where would I find my child's lost games kit?**

Answer: Is it clearly labelled? If the answer is yes, then it will be handed back to the pupil. If the answer is no, then the kit will be taken to the lost property shed at the earliest opportunity.

**Question: "Are the sports matches still on?" is a question we are often asked on the mornings of inclement weather.**

Answer: We will always endeavour to try to play all matches but if we need to cancel them due to inclement weather or for safety reasons then a School Comms message will be sent out to parents at the earliest opportunity.

**Question: What are the details of my child's fixture?**

Answer: The Years 5 – 8 team sheets are placed on the sports boards outside the dining hall. Years 3 and 4 pupils will find their team sheet posted outside Newton Building. All team sheets are also placed in the Parents Section of the VLE at last 24hrs before the fixture at <https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/sports-fixtures-and-pe>

Team sheets will be posted:

Day of Fixture	Team Sheets Posted
Monday	Friday <b>08:30-12:00</b>
Tuesday	Monday <b>07:30-11:50</b>
Wednesday	Monday <b>17:00-18:30</b>
Thursday	Tuesday <b>12:00-15:40</b>
Friday	Thursday <b>07:30-08:30</b>
Tournaments	<b>5-7 days prior</b>

**Question: Why is my child not in a specific Games group?**

Answer: We assess each pupil in each sport at the beginning of each term before confirming the groups. Movement between the groups is flexible dependent on performance and is very common.

**Question: Why is my child not in a specific PE group?**

Answer: We assess each pupil in Swimming at the beginning of each year and on information from previous years, before confirming the groups. Movement between the groups is flexible dependent upon development.

**Question: Where can I find out which PE group my child is in and what rotation they are on?**

Answer: The Years 3 – 8 PE groups are placed on the sports boards outside the dining hall and outside the Sports Hall. The groups can also be viewed in the Parents Section on the VLE at <https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/sports-fixtures-and-pe/pe-lists-and-rotations>

**Question: How does my child achieve 'Colours'?**

Answer: Colours are only awarded to pupils in Years 7 and 8. The pupil will have to have performed to an exceptional standard in relation to their peers. If a child reaches a National Final in any sport then they will receive Colours. These are similar to the Oxford and Cambridge 'blues'.

**Question: Where can I find directions to a specific school for an away fixture?**

Answer: All details are on the VLE Parents Section/Sports Fixtures at <https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/sports-fixtures-and-pe/directions-to-sports-venues>

**Question: Does my child have to stay for match tea?**

Answer: Yes, as this is considered to be an integral part of the fixture.

**Question: Can I pick my child up from an away venue?**

Answer: Yes, as long as staff are notified that you are taking them home in advance and it is important a physical handover has taken place. If a handover time has been agreed and parents do not show up, they will come back to school as planned with the remainder of the team.

**Question: Does my child have to play in sports matches?**

Answer: Yes, all pupils are expected to play unless injured.

**Question: Where do I pick up my child from after matches?**

Answer: All pupils will be looked after outside the Sports Hall on the chequered mat. If parents are running more than 10 minutes late then pupils will be escorted to latestay to await your collection.

**Question: How will I find out if a returning coach is running late?**

Answer: If a team coach is running more than 15 minutes late, we will endeavour to update parents by School Comms at the earliest opportunity.

**Question: Can my child take their phones on away fixtures?**

Answer: No, pupils do not need phones on away fixtures.

**Question: Can my child go home in kit?**

Answer: Pupils are expected to get changed after all matches unless we are running more than 15 minutes late. On these occasions pupils will be given permission to depart in games kit.

**Question: Where do we sew our name tags on to the Games and PE kit?**

Answer: We advise that name tapes are sewn above the crest on tops and on the left leg of skorts, shorts and tracksuit trousers.

**Question: What do I do if my child has braces and needs to wear a gumshield?**

Answer: Parents should purchase a suitable gumshield for their child from their dentist.

**Question: What are the exact details for Sports Day?**

Answer: Annual Sports Days for the Pre Prep and for Years 3–8 are held in the Summer Term. Details are published in the School calendar. Two days prior to the event a programme will be sent to all parents.

Pre Prep Sports Afternoon takes place at School and tea is served following the event.

Sports Day for Years 3–8 takes place at Wilberforce Road Sports Ground in Cambridge. Parents are invited to attend and support their children. On this day parents and children have their own picnic lunches around the edge of the track.

**Question: What are House Matches?**

Answer: House Matches involve all the pupils in each year group, for every sport they play in Games. Parents are invited to come and watch. Dates for these can be found in the hard calendar and online.

**Question: When are House Matches played?**

Answer: House Matches are calendared in the hard copy of the School calendar. You can also view this on the VLE online calendar.

**Question: What sport is my child playing this term?****Sports Termly Timetable**

Boys	Michaelmas	Lent	Summer
Year 3	Football/Rugby	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis
Year 4	Football/Rugby	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis
Year 5	Football/Rugby	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis
Year 6	Rugby	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis
Year 7	Rugby/Rowing	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis
Year 8	Rugby/Rowing	Hockey	Cricket/Tennis

Girls	Michaelmas	Lent	Summer
Year 3	Hockey	Netball	Cricket/Tennis
Year 4	Hockey	Netball	Cricket/Tennis
Year 5	Hockey	Netball	Cricket/Tennis
Year 6	Hockey	Netball	Cricket/Tennis
Year 7	Hockey/Rowing	Netball	Cricket/Tennis
Year 8	Hockey/Rowing	Netball	Cricket/Tennis

**Question: Does my child need to buy a hockey stick?**

Answer: No, but it is advised as we cannot guarantee the size of the stick your child uses during lessons or matches.

**Question: Does my child need to buy a cricket bat?**

Answer: No, but it is advised as we cannot guarantee the size of the bat your child uses during lessons or matches.

**Question: When should sports trophies be returned?**

Answer: Please can sports trophies be returned in the first half of corresponding term in which it was awarded.