



SUNNYMEDE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Arrangements for Sports Day –Wednesday 29th June

This year, the sports day arrangements have changed. Instead of spreading the sports day activities over a whole day, the event will now run from 9.30am until approximately 1.15 pm, to include our picnic lunch. Therefore, the end of the day arrangements will remain the same as normal.

Parents are invited to make their way to the field after dropping their children at school; please use the gate leading to the infant playground to access the school field. Please ensure that you sit to the left of the marked track. In compliance with health and safety and safeguarding requirements, you must not sit at the very end of the track or on the same side as the children. The outdoor play equipment must not be used.

Lunch Arrangements

Parents are invited to stay and picnic with their children. All visiting adults will need to bring their own food and are encouraged to bring a packed lunch for their child also. If your child requires a school picnic lunch from the kitchen, please ensure that this is pre-ordered by Thursday 23rd June, even if you have already made payment. A separate letter and a Parentmail have been sent out with regard to lunch time arrangements and ordering. Tomorrow is the deadline for confirming your requirements.

Access to the School during the day

Please be aware that the gate from Mons Avenue will be locked by 9.45am and access after that time will only be available via The Meadoway entrance. No exceptions will be made, except for a short period from approximately 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm when the gate will be unlocked for parents who wish to leave at the end of the event. When parents wish to leave the playing field, they will need to exit via the junior school reception. Staff will be available to accompany you across the playground, as this will be in use by the infant school pupils. For safeguarding purposes, please do not stop to talk to children you may know but move swiftly to the junior school.

Sports Day Activities

In the morning, children will run two races in classes. These races include a flat race and a novelty race (which differs for each year group). This year, the children in each year group will choose their novelty race.

There will, of course be some parents' races, so please do come with appropriate footwear if you would like to compete on the day!

Sports Day Clothing

Events will take place in house teams and children should, therefore, wear a t-shirt in their 'house' colour (Chantry – Green, Pilgrim – Yellow*, Mayflower – Red, Martin – Blue). Your child should know their house

colour but please check with the class teacher if you need to. They will also need to wear appropriate footwear and their P.E shorts.

* Unfortunately, we discovered last year that flies and insects are really attracted to bright yellow, and caused some distress to our pupils, so we suggest that Pilgrim wear either pale yellow or white tops.

The weather is very changeable at the moment so, even if it appears overcast on the morning, please make sure you apply sun cream in the morning to protect your child should the sun come out. They would also benefit from a sun hat.

Water Bottles

Please also make sure that you child has a filled water bottle to keep with them throughout the day so they can stay hydrated.

Reserve Date

We hope the weather will work in our favour on the day! However, if we need to cancel the event due to bad weather, we will give you as much notice as possible. Monday 4th July is scheduled as the reserve date if needed.

Ice Cream

Thanks to the generosity of our PTA, we have made arrangements for an ice cream van to come to school during the afternoon. All pupils will be given an ice cream cone to enjoy. Please let the office know in good time if your child has an allergy or there is any other medical reason that would prevent them from having an ice-cream.

We enjoy Sports Day here at Sunnymede and we hope you will be able to join us for this fun and relaxed event.

Yours sincerely,



Ronnie Branch
Headteacher