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Dear Parents/Carers,

Given the current situation I felt it sensible to contact you to give you an update on PE and Games for this coming half term. As previously, each week everyone will still have one PE lesson and a double Games session.

We recognise that during the lockdown period there will be a diverse engagement with exercise for various reasons. Therefore, during PE lessons our focus will be on your son's well-being and fitness. During Games lessons we will be providing a variety of activities – your son will choose which one he would like to undertake. We recognise that the sports in the summer term are very popular and so we will aim to make some of these available as well. Therefore, the activities offered during Games for the first half term will be: tennis / cricket / table tennis / football / rugby. Where necessary the rules will be adapted to fulfil governing body guidelines. Clearly we will need to see the numbers interested in each activity, but we will try to allow everyone their preference. After half term we will hope to be able to revert to our normal PE and Games activities but will obviously be guided by government guidelines.

To help with equipment hygiene we would encourage your son to bring his own equipment where possible (which should be clearly named and not be shared with his peers); for example, cricket equipment / tennis racket / table tennis bat. You do not need to buy equipment you do not already own as we can provide if necessary. For cricket specifically, however, we would need students to bring in their own equipment. For football, shin pads must be worn. For the first Games lesson your son can either wear PE or Games kit until he knows which activity he will be undertaking and should then wear the appropriate kit thereafter (i.e. PE kit, Games kit or cricket whites)

All school equipment will be sanitised after use. We will also expect students to sanitise their hands as they leave the changing rooms at the start of PE and Games and at the end. Staff will be in place to remind students.

To enable the school community to settle back into school there will be no extra-curricular sports clubs for the first two full weeks of term. Thereafter we will seek to reintroduce these clubs where possible.

I have postponed the visit of the mouth guard company, oPro, who were due to visit at the start of September – once the picture is clearer for sport then I will rearrange this and contact you to inform you how we will proceed regarding the purchase of mouth guards. Please note that purchasing a mouth guard is not compulsory but it is recommended to wear a mouth guard for rugby.

If I can be of assistance, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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