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Parents' Handbook: Competitive Sports and Opponents' Details

Games

Prep children have considerable opportunities to represent the school in matches and we place great importance on the manner in which they do so. Sports kit must always be clean and the children's behaviour exemplary.

The following are guidelines published by the IAPS which we include for your interest, not because we think that you don't know already!

IAPS Guidelines for Parents with regard to sport

Children develop differently, at different rates and react differently to the same pressures.

- Don't force an unwilling child to participate in sport; he or she is not playing to satisfy your ambitions
- Children and young people are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment – not yours
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules
- Teach your child that effort and teamwork are as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Turn defeat into victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and a positive sporting attitude. Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team
- Don't question publicly the official's judgement and never their honesty
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities
- Recognise the value and importance of coaches. They give their time and resources to provide guidance for your child. Set an example by being friendly to the parents of the opposition!
- Emphasise enjoyment and fun
- Praise and reinforce effort and improvement

Guidelines for Spectators

Children at play are not professional entertainers.

- Children play organised sport for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are not miniature adults or professional sportsmen and women
- Don't harass or swear at players, coaches or officials
- Applaud good play by your own and the visiting team. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition
- Condemn the use of violence in all forms
- Respect the officials' decisions
- Encourage players always to play by the rules
- Relax and enjoy the game whether your team wins or not

List of Schools played and contact details.

Matches played by Prep pupils are published in the calendar and are on the sports notice board in the main entrance hall. Below is the list of locations for parents who wish to attend away matches:

Ashford Prep School

Great Chart

TN23 3DJ

01233 620493

Ball Lane Hockey Club	Kennington	TN25 4EB	01233 631315
Dover College	Dover	CT17 9RH	01304 205969
Gad's Hill	Higham	ME3 7PA	01474 822366
Junior Kent College	Canterbury	CT2 9AQ	01227 762436
Junior Kings, Milner Court	Canterbury	CT2 0AY	01227 714000
King's	Rochester	ME1 1TE	01634 888577
Northbourne Park	Deal	CT14 0NW	01304 611215
Polo Farm, Littlebourne Road	Canterbury	CT3 4AF	01227 769159
Spring Grove	Wye	TN25 5EZ	01233 812337
St Edmund's	Canterbury	CT2 8HU	01227 475600
St Faith's	Ash	CT3 2HH	01304 813409
Sutton Valence	Chart Sutton	ME17 3RF	01622 842117
Wellesley House	Broadstairs	CT10 2DG	01843 862991