



LATHALLAN SCHOOL SPORT

Fixtures

All pupils have the opportunity to participate in team sports and school teams play many fixtures both home and away. If your child has been chosen for a team you will receive an email informing you of this and the team list will be posted on the website. This team list will also show details of departure and arrival times as well as equipment required.

Transport for Sports Fixtures

If your child is taking part in an away match or sporting activity transport will ordinarily be supplied from School to and from the venue (at no extra cost). Parents are very much encouraged to attend matches whenever possible and if you decide to transport your child back from the match yourself, then please ensure that you inform one of the Lathallan staff at the match of your intention to do so.

Sports Kit

Sports kit required for each term is contained in the uniform list sent to parents at the start of the Autumn term.

Mouth Guards and Protective Sports Equipment

The governing bodies of rugby and hockey strongly recommend the wearing of custom fitted mouth guards at all levels. Parents can organise their child's mouth guard privately through their own dentist. Off-the-shelf mouth guards are available although can be problematic to fit. As growth limits the Mouth Guards life, parents are asked to check the fit regularly to see if a replacement is required. Cricket helmets are compulsory for children aged ten and above and are supplied by the School. All pupils should wear shin pads for contact sports.

Off Games

Pupils should have a letter from parents or a note from Matron excusing them from games, otherwise it is expected that all children will attend. In the event of a pupil being 'off games' they will spend the time studying with a non games teacher.

School Colours for Sport

School colours for sports are awarded at the end of the academic year. Junior school pupils who have achieved the necessary criteria will receive a red badge for the specific sport. In the Senior School green half colours can be awarded to those pupils in S2 and S3 who have achieved district representative standard or higher. Full colours are awarded from S5 upwards and reflect not just achievement but continued commitment to the sport within school.

Sports Day

The School holds three Sports Days, one each for Nursery, Junior School and Senior School. These are held during the summer term, normally in June. All parents, family and friends are most welcome to attend. The event takes place near the main running track, opposite the tennis courts in the lower playing fields. The main event normally starts at 2.00pm but you will be informed in writing of the details prior to the day. At the Junior School event J1-2 generally starts the event so parents of J1-2 pupils attending the sports should arrive promptly so as to avoid missing their child's races. A provisional date is set with a backup date should the weather be bad. If the event is cancelled on the date (and postponed), this information will be placed on the website. The School will also attempt to contact all parents to inform them of the postponement on the day. If in doubt, please do call the School for confirmation. Dress for parents is informal. The sports normally conclude at approximately 5.00pm. Cups/prizes are not normally awarded on the day, as this would make the event too lengthy. Tea and cakes are served throughout the event.

Swimming and Child Collection Options

Junior School swimming takes place on Friday afternoons at Stonehaven indoor pool. J1-J4 pupils will swim every term while those in J5-J7 will swim during at least one term. The swimming timetable will be announced in the sports notices each term. A bus delivers and collects the children from the pool.

Swimming for J1-4 pupils concludes at 2.45pm and children may be collected from the pool to be taken home at this time (please turn up promptly if you wish to do this). For those children who are not collected at the pool, the bus returns them to School where they have juice and biscuits, usually returning to their classroom between 3.30pm and 3.40pm.

Children in J5-J7 can be collected from the pool at 3.45pm onwards. They will be returned to School afterwards and lessons will end, as per the normal day, at 5.00pm.

If you wish to collect your child please do ensure that you inform a Lathallan staff member in advance and also at the pool that you are doing so.

Parents are advised to remind their children to take all their kit and School bags with them if they are going to be collected from the pool to avoid the necessity for a return visit to the classroom afterwards.

Parents are reminded that children require a swim bag containing their costume, goggles and a towel. All items should be clearly labelled to avoid loss. Children with a verruca are asked to wear a white verruca sock available from chemists.

If for any reason you do not wish your child to swim in a particular week, please inform the School in writing. Children who are off swimming will either stay in school to complete prep or at your request may be collected at the pool before the swimming session starts.

J1 and 2 children may wear clean navy blue school joggers and a red rugby jersey to school on Fridays for ease of changing at the pool!

Swimming Gala

An inter-house Swimming Gala takes place at Stonehaven Indoor Pool in May each year usually commencing at 2.00pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and support their child. Seats are set out poolside for parent's convenience. Please note that it is very warm poolside and spectators are advised to dress accordingly! Experience has shown that a spare towel for the children is advisable as they sit on their towels whilst watching the races and they become very wet.