



# HOLMEWOOD HOUSE SCHOOL

*'Kindness, aspiration & self-belief'*

## Guidelines for Parents on Match Days

To ensure the safety, wellbeing, and positive sporting experience of all pupils on match days, we ask for your support in reinforcing expectations before, during, and after inter-school matches. Please take a moment to review the following guidelines:

### 1. Supervision and Changing Rooms

- Pupils must not go into changing rooms unsupervised by a staff member.
- Changing rooms will be locked and only opened by staff from **8:05–8:20am** for pupils to drop off kit bags (not for changing).
- Pupils should arrive at school already in their sports kit on match days and will return home in the same kit.
- When pupils have a games lesson, they should ensure that they will not need to use the changing rooms the following morning to change into uniform.
- On match days staff will escort pupils back to the changing rooms from where pupils will be dismissed to go to JB's, home or clubs. Children waiting to go home will wait with a member of staff any the theatre until pick up time, after which they will be sent to reception.

### 2. Match Day Behaviour

- Pupils must remain with their team for the warm-up, the match, and match tea afterwards.
- Pupils will be reminded of the expectations of behaviour before the match by their teacher/coach
- Pupils should avoid distracting pupils before, during and following a match

### 3. Spectating and Conduct

Parents are warmly invited to attend both home and away matches and are politely requested to follow the **IAPS Code of Conduct**:

1. Be a positive role model; remember that sport is for children's enjoyment.
2. Encourage playing fairly and by the rules.
3. Respect match officials and accept their decisions without dispute. Spectator videos will not be accepted as evidence.
4. Respect the coaches and their decisions at all times. – they give their time, energy and experience to coach your children.
5. Avoid all forms of abuse or negative behaviour towards players, officials, or other spectators.

6. Show friendliness and respect to opposing teams and their supporters.
7. Emphasise the value of effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship, not just winning.
8. Help children learn from defeat and focus on improvement and positivity.

#### **4. Match Tea**

- Match tea is for pupils and parents separately.
- Pupils should not attend parent tea, and food from the parent tea should not be given to pupils.
- This helps ensure fairness, particularly for pupils whose parents may not be present.

#### **5. End of Match Procedures**

- Parents must check out their child with the member of staff in charge before leaving, at both home and away matches.
- No child may be taken home by another parent unless we have clear written permission or confirmation from the child's parent.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making match days safe, enjoyable, and respectful for all involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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