



# MANSEL PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024**

Sports day information – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents

With the summer term in full swing, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to write to tell you about this year's Sports Day. Our Sports Day this year will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** at 10am, with house team events, followed by sprints and relay FINALS. Mr Peter and Miss Pickersgill will lead ALL parents from internal gates to the KS2 playground at 9.55 to allow parents to find their children's rotation group(s).

Following Sports day, you will be able to 'sign out' your child(ren) and enjoy a family picnic on the field (weather permitting). We do hope you will be able to come along and bring a picnic to enjoy with your child(ren) over the lunch period.

**If your child(ren) is entitled to free school meals/ universal infant free school meals and you would like a packed lunch on sports day, please fill in the attached google form or contact the office by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May so that numbers can be collated for the school kitchen.**

All of the children will be active and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports activities. Please note that they will need to wear their usual school PE kit of House colour t-shirt and black shorts, a sunhat would be very useful. Water will be provided by the school. This event will celebrate both cooperation, team work and final races - the awarding of points will reflect this emphasis.

After the house team events, we will move to class groups for the track finals of our race programme. The children will have been participating in heats **before** sports day and the **finalists** will race for places and points for their house. The children will sit in class groups on one side of the track and parents will be able to cheer and wave from the other side. This helps us keep all the children safe.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME ONTO THE CHILDREN'S SIDE OF THE FENCE.**

After both sections of the sports morning are finished, all the children will be with their teacher, trackside. We will then invite parents to come and **sign their children out** of our care so that you can enjoy a family picnic together. This needs to be done carefully so that all children are signed out safely.





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Children can be signed back in to their teachers' care after the family picnic, **or** you are free to take them after the family picnic. Please ensure that you have communicated your plans with the class teacher.

Photos are not encouraged on the school field, but we accept that it is impossible to police an official 'ban.' For those that do take photos, please work with us in order to protect our vulnerable children. Please do not publish photographs ONLINE which contain images of other children or adults. Thank you for your considered approach to this and continued support.

May I kindly remind parents that we encourage this to be a family school event and as such:

No smoking on site  
No Alcohol on site  
No dogs on site

The field will be set up with a circle of activities, see overleaf. The children will rotate around these activities, until all are completed. Then there are the finals races. This is a timed event to ensure that a good pace is established and maintained. Parents will follow their family teams around the **outside** of the circuit of activities, children will be within. Parents are thanked for NOT entering the circle. Children's safeguarding is paramount.

If it is raining Sports Day will not go ahead and the school day will be as normal including cooked school meals.

I would appreciate your comments on sports day, senior staff will be organising and leading the event. We aim to reflect on all that we do in order to make our school the very best that it can be.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Gerida Montague  
Executive Headteacher





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## Sports day field layout for reference:

