

Dear Parents

5th January 2024

Additional Sports protection

As we move through to winter sports in PE we do ask for the children to have additional safety equipment to support them in their sports.

Your child's safety and wellbeing is our top priority in school, so whilst we understand that this is an additional cost, our requests are in line with Hampshire PE risk assessments and guidelines. With this in mind the school is strongly advising parents to purchase for their child a gum shield and set of shin pads. With shin pads you may wish to buy long football style socks, if this is the case then I would ask that you buy navy blue socks please. These additional measures should be worn during a number of sports.

Sport	Equipment recommended
Hockey	Gum shield and shin pads

Year 3 and 5 – they will be undertaking hockey this half term

Year 4 and 6 – they will be undertaking sports which require no additional safety equipment this half term

If your child does not normally use or have shin pads then we recommend that you explore social media sites where you can purchase preloved shin pads for a fraction of the cost, and gum shields can be purchased online for just a few pounds, you do not need to buy specialised equipment.

Your child will need these items from next week, these items are not statutory, your child will be able to take part in the lesson, but will need to have drills and games adapted so that they are not tackling or having contact with others. We do believe that if parents purchase this additional protective wear then we can enable children to fully enjoy sports with minimal risk.

Thank you for your understanding and please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Randall
Headteacher