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Dear Parents

Additional Sports protection

Your child's safety and wellbeing is our top priority in school.

During the first few weeks of term a child was hurt accidentally during PE. As a school we have taken this opportunity to review practise and ask ourselves whether there was anything else we could have done to have limited injury risk.

The school has reviewed its set up, equipment and risk assessments against Hampshire PE and Sport guidance and as you would expect the school meets these standards and were not the cause of the injury. However we feel that in particular sports we could improve and limit risk further.

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 black socks please. These additional measures should be worn during a number of sports.

Sport	Equipment recommended
Rugby	Gum shield
Hockey	Gum shield and shin pads
Football	Shin pads

This first half term these are recommended as soon as possible for Year 6 who are undertaking a hockey unit. I will issue all year groups with an overview of their PE schedule so that you can ensure that equipment is purchased in time for your child.

These items are not statutory, your child will be able to take part in the lesson, but we do feel 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 Walker
Headteacher

