

## Information for parents watching matches

### Parents/Supporters Spectating – Safeguarding

We would like to encourage parents to watch and support their children at sporting fixtures. It is important that the following guidelines are followed:

#### Fixtures outside of the school day

If the fixture is due to be played outside of school day, please do not arrive early, to allow time for school buses and students to leave.

If the fixture is on one of the school fields, astro turf or netball courts, please park in the top car park and make your way to the designated pitch/court. There is no requirement to sign in at reception. Please do not go anywhere other than the playing venue and there should be no requirement for any visitor to go into any school building. All teams are supervised by members of staff, so should you need any help or information, please speak directly to the member of staff in charge.

#### Fixtures during the school day

If the fixture/tournament is taking place during the school day, please email the teacher in charge of the fixture and state your intention to watch. When arriving at school, please go to the main school reception. Please arrive at school reception 10 minutes before kick-off time. You will need to sign in as a visitor and will then be escorted by a member of the HGS PE staff to the playing venue. Please do not go anywhere other than the playing venue. There should be no requirement for any visitor to go into any school building.

If fixtures are taking place in the sports hall, unfortunately, parents will not be able to spectate.

### Our Codes of Conduct - For Supporters & Parents

The Good Spectator's Code of Conduct requests spectators to 'respect match officials' decisions, even if there appears to be a mistake'.

We encourage spectators to:

- Act as positive role models to all players.
- Respect guidance from the school with regard to spectator behaviour.
- Remember children play sport primarily for their own enjoyment, not for that of spectators.
- Acknowledge good individual and team performance from all players irrespective of the team in which they play.
- Respect match officials' decisions, even if they appear to make a mistake – remember, they are volunteers providing an opportunity for players to play sport.
- Never verbally abuse players, coaches, match officials or fellow spectators: such behaviour can create a negative environment for players and their behaviour will often reflect this.
- Acknowledge effort and good performance rather than 'to win at all costs'.
- Verbally encourage all players in a positive manner, shouting 'for' not 'at' the players.
- Encourage all players irrespective of their ability – never ridicule any individual player, regardless of the team in which they play.
- Never enter the field of play to challenge players' or officials' actions and never 'take the law into your own hands'.