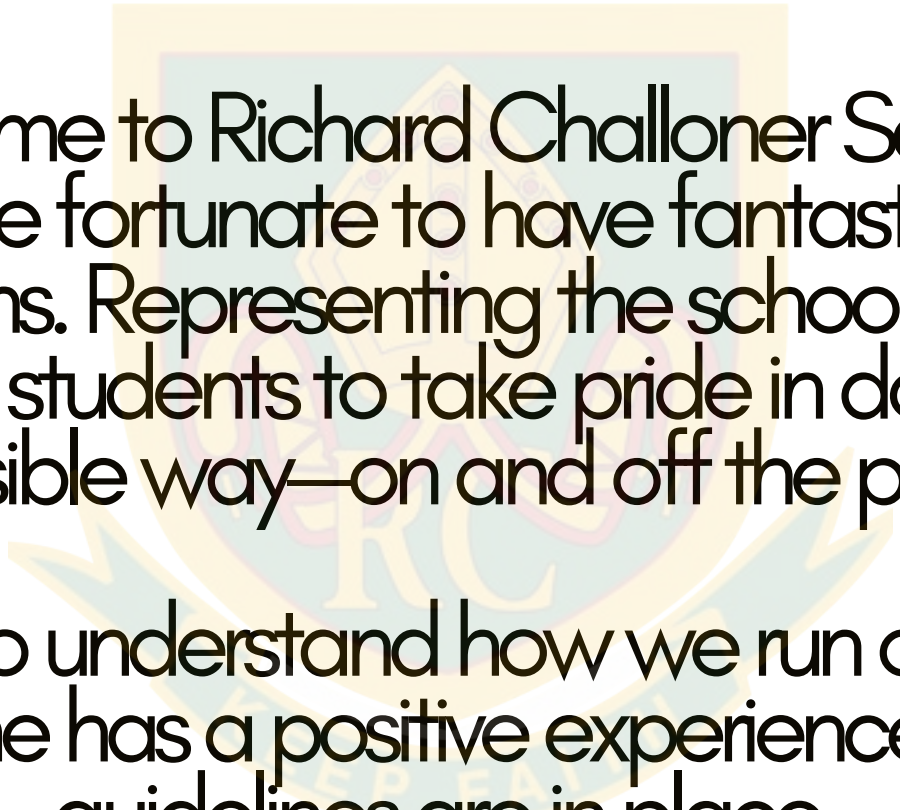


A PARENTS GUIDE TO SPORT AT RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL



The crest of Richard Challoner School is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a central shield with a cross, surrounded by a wreath. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each containing a different symbol. The crest is set against a light blue background with a subtle pattern.

Welcome to Richard Challoner School!

At school we are fortunate to have fantastic students and strong sports teams. Representing the school is a privilege, and we encourage all students to take pride in doing so in the best possible way—on and off the pitch.

To help parents to understand how we run our teams and to ensure everyone has a positive experience, the following guidelines are in place

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- At school we use a system to arrange and communicate fixtures with parents. This system is called SOC's
- You will need to register for SOC's via the link below www.socscms.com
- Once on the site please click on the green parent tab and then the activate an account button. You will be prompted to enter the email address you have registered with the school, please do this to activate the account.
- From this you will be able to log in and find the details of the school fixtures. This will include what date, time and location fixtures are arranged for.
- It currently will not show team sheets, students will be informed via direct emails regarding selection.

- We hope that using this system will allow parents to engage with the current work that is going on within the sports department and support where possible
- At school we are firm believers in encouraging students to engage fully with sport at school, we aim to develop self determination through independence and we hope that SOC's will support us in this endeavour.
- If your son has any queries regarding school sport please encourage them to speak to the teacher in charge of the team, we understand that this can be daunting for younger students but staff are present to support the students in this important development.
- If you have any questions regarding SOC's and its use please contact the sports department via the school office

ORGANISING FIXTURES

- We play weekly saturday morning fixtures during the Autumn and Spring term. Kick off are 9.30am and there is an expectation that students are available when selected.
- We aim to inform students regarding selection as early as possible. Ideally this will be no later than 2 days before the fixture.
- When selected you and your son will be emailed, this will contain the details for the competition and very often a request for consent to perform. Please try to give consent as soon as possible to allow staff to continue with the organisation of the fixture
- If you have any further questions regarding any team please speak to the teacher in charge of the team

- We expect students to reply to their email within 24-48 hours to confirm availability.
- We encourage students to communicate directly with staff themselves. We understand that this can be daunting for some students but we hope that by enforcing this students take ownership of their sport and become independent performers
- If responses are regularly late or missing a member of staff will speak to the students involved.

- Students should speak directly with the teacher in charge if they cannot attend.
- Informing staff on the day of the fixture should be discouraged unless unavoidable ie illness. In such cases an email to staff should be sent.
- In exceptional cases weekend availability will be considered case by case, with the aim of encouraging participation and team spirit wherever possible.

At school we believe Captains play an important role in their teams and should be leaders and roles models. We aspire for our students to be active in team organisation, this could include supporting the team by:

- Helping chase responses from teammates
- Informing staff of absences
- Assisting with simple pre- and post-game tasks

This helps build leadership and team ownership. We believe being a Captain is an honour and should be treated as such.

- Students usually wear their own school sports kit for school fixtures.
- For Cup games or important fixtures: school shirts may be worn. The teacher in charge will advise the students of this.
- Students should always look smart and proud when representing the school. This should include full school kit
- If a student doesn't have shin pads for football or a gum shield for Rugby they will not be allowed to play

INDOOR KIT

ATHLETICS, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, FITNESS, GYMNASTICS, HRF, TABLE TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, GYM



Indoor PE Shirt



Indoor Shorts



White Socks



Clean Trainers

OUTDOOR KIT

FOOTBALL (WITH SHIN PADS) & RUGBY (WITH GUM SHIELD)



Outdoor Shirt



Outdoor Shorts (with pockets)



Rugby Socks



Moulded Boots (Rubber studs)

- Students will need to sign in with staff on arrival.
- SOC's allows us to gain consent but also parents should advise us of how students will be transported to and from fixtures when appropriate
- Students will be released from the fixture on the pitch after the game unless being taken back to the school
- If a student has other arrangements, for example going home with another parent we would require notice of this, a note from home will suffice

We have a fantastic reputation as a school. When our students represent the school they should act with the highest standards as role models at all times.

- They should show respect to:
- Opponents
- Teammates
- Referees
- Parents and spectators
- Staff

We are extremely proud of the behaviour of our students.



As a department we would like to thank you for your continued commitment to providing sporting opportunities for our students. If any issues arise, please speak with the teacher in charge of your sons team in the first instance, if required please then contact the Director of Sport for further guidance.

Together we can ensure our teams are well organised, enjoyable, and something our students and staff are proud to be part of.