

Ormesby Village Infant & Junior Schools Federation

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Sporting Fixtures – Code of Conduct

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with a great deal of pride that our Federation of schools is able to provide a whole array of sporting opportunities for our pupils across each academic year. Representing our Federation is an honourable achievement for all those who participate in any of the more competitive or the more fun sporting fixtures.

Alongside lots of our sporting fixtures, there are opportunities for parents and extended family members to spectate and support the children. We are truly happy to see the growing numbers watching and encouraging all participants in the correct and appropriate manner. All visitors to our site for sporting fixtures, both from our own families or from families of children from other schools, adhere to a strict Code of Conduct. It is pleasing to know that the conduct from our visitors is regularly positive and supportive, however, when that conduct falls short of expectations, it is the duty of the Federation to remind all visitors of what those expectations are and highlight the possible consequences to the very small minority of individuals, who are unable to meet them. Our Federation's Code of Conduct is enclosed and we encourage all visitors to familiarise themselves with it before attending any future sporting fixtures or events.

Please remember that all sporting opportunities arise due to the selfless commitment of the staff to organise, arrange and prepare them. Their time and effort is voluntarily dedicated to coaching at after-school clubs, to acquiring suitable equipment and kits, liaising with other schools, organising team transport, informing parents, preparing pitches and broadening the appeal of these occasions to a wider audience by celebrating and praising successes and disappointments equally on social media. Without their willingness and passion to do what is best for our pupils, opportunities for them would be much more limited.

It is hoped that future of our sporting fixtures can return to being positive, enjoyable and appropriate for all those participating.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Young
Headteacher

Clive Sillitoe
Chair of Governors

Code of Conduct - Spectators, Parents and Carers

Policy Outline:

Ormesby Village Infant and Junior Schools Federation has a code of conduct that outlines the behaviour expected of all spectators, parents and carers. Ormesby has identified the important part that spectators, parents, guardians and carers can have in influencing how players/participants behave and conduct themselves. It is therefore their responsibility to promote an environment that is safe, positive and enjoyable. Spectators, parents and carers should remember that the activities provided by the school are there to develop players/participants physical, technical, tactical, emotional and social skills.

Individuals attending/participating in activities provided by the school, must treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, culture or social background, sexual orientation, religious belief, political affiliation or any other personal characteristic/feature. The school is opposed to any form of overly-negative, overly-critical, violent, abusive, offensive or discriminatory behaviour and will act accordingly to individuals who do not abide by this code of conduct.

Ormesby Village Infant and Junior Schools Federation expects all involved with school activities/clubs/fixtures to adhere to their relevant code of conduct.

I will:

- Remember that children take part in sporting events for fun.
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse players/participants by telling them what to do.
- Applaud and praise effort and good play.
- Avoid criticising a player/participant for making a mistake. Remember that mistakes are a vital part of learning.
- Never engage in or tolerate, negative, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour either on line or off line.
- Never post negative comments etc. on any social media.
- Never be negative, overly-critical, confrontational or aggressive to a coach, staff member or volunteer.
- Encourage players/participants to respect others whether they are opposition, referees or match officials.
- Never take photographs or videos of players/participants that you are not responsible for without permission of players'/participants' parent/guardian.
- Ensure that emergency contact details are kept updated with the school.
- Ensure that medical information relating to players/participants is regularly updated with the school.
- Ensure that players/ participants attend all activities with the required kit, medication, food and water.
- Promote an environment that is safe, positive and enjoyable.
- Report breaches of the code of conduct to the school.

Failure to comply may result in (depending on the severity of the incident in question):

- Being asked to leave the venue by the lead member of staff.
- Being required to attend a meeting with the school and the Headteacher.
- Being issued with a warning in writing from the Headteacher and Governors.
- Being requested to not attend any future fixtures.
- Suspension from the school's activities.
- Being reported to the Police/Children's Services.

The Federation appreciates your commitment to this code of conduct.

