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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you of a new process for providing consent for school sporting fixtures, which will be introduced from this academic year.

Previously, parents and carers may have been asked to provide consent each time their child was selected to represent the school in a sporting fixture. From this year, we are simplifying the process by asking parents and carers to provide **annual consent through ParentPay** at the start of each academic year.

Once you have completed the annual consent, you **will not need to provide consent for each individual fixture** in which your child is selected to participate.

Before every fixture, we will continue to share key information, including the date, venue, timings and any other relevant arrangements. If you are happy for your child to participate, **no further action will be necessary**.

If, however, you do not wish your child to take part in a particular fixture, please contact the school as soon as possible. This means you only need to get in touch when you **do not** want your child to participate, rather than responding to every fixture invitation.

We hope this new approach will make arrangements for school sport simpler and more convenient for families, while ensuring that parents and carers continue to receive advance notice of all fixtures.

Please ensure that you complete the annual sporting fixture consent form on ParentPay at the start of the academic year. This consent will cover your child's participation in school sporting fixtures throughout the year, subject to the arrangements outlined above.

If you have any questions about the new process or would like to discuss your child's participation in school sport, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school sports programme.

Kind Regards

Mr Wright

Head of PE