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Dear Parents/ Carers

Heathwood Lower School is part of the Leighton Linslade School Sports Partnership which develops a series of school games events.

Events have been designed with the INTENT of promoting physical activity, support health and well-being for ALL and are categorised as follows:

PLAY These events are non-competitive, with participation and fun being the focus, targeting students who lack confidence but want to participate because they understand the benefits of physical activity.

LEARN These are events for young people who have primarily not taken part in the school games before and may not actively participate in sport and physical activity in or out of school. The intent is to learn new skills and activities.

DEVELOP These events are the first stage of friendly competition, but winning is not the sole focus, in the traditional sense. They may take part in School Sport, however may not participate in the sport outside of school. The emphasis is to create a positive and enjoyable experience. Matches may be competitive but results will not be recorded and School Games Value awards will be presented.

COMPETE These events will target young people who are competitive, who may be involved in sport in school and in clubs, participation in these events MAY see the winners from the Inter-School competition progress to County Finals and beyond if the pathways exist in the sport, gender and age category.

.....has been chosen to represent Heathwood in the **Tag Rugby Sports Festival**, this is a **COMPETE and DEVELOP** event. The Festival will be at **Leighton Buzzard Rugby Club** on **Thursday 3rd October 2024**. 1.30pm - 4.15pm. There will be transport provided to the competition but you will need to collect your child from the event grounds.

The children will compete in our sports kit (Long sleeve sports shirt and socks, please could you ensure your child has their full outdoor PE kit in school (trainers, t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms (black), sweatshirt (black). They will also need football/rugby boots (Please let us know if you need help with this) and a water bottle and waterproof jacket if the weather is wet (Gum shields are optional).

Please note: This is a spectator event; however you will need to complete a form at the event if you intend to take photographs. We will then provide you with a photo consent pass. Please collect your child from the Rugby Club using the lower car park on the left hand side as you enter the Rugby Club at 4.15pm.

Could you please complete the form below and return by **Monday 30th September 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Dicker and Miss T Romaine

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_____ is /is not able to attend the competition. (Please delete where applicable)

I give permission for _____ to collect my child. Contact number for the day: _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer)

School Games Values



The only limits that exist are the ones in our own mind!



I win with humility. I lose with grace. I play with respect.



I make the right choice, not the easy choice!



No goal was ever met without a little sweat!



Our passion is our strength!



Together everyone achieves more

Leighton Linslade Sports Partnership Code of Conduct

Participants will:

- Enjoy the experience and have fun.
- Be proud to achieve my personal best.
- Act fairly and honestly at all times.
- Praise and encourage others.
- Say well done to the opposition and thank my teacher, coach officials and supporters
- Adopt the School Games values

Young Leaders will:

- Act as a role model to participants and other young people, taking pride in my appearance and behaviour
- Be confident in all of my decisions
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of the players, staff and spectators
- Be polite, acting responsibly and appropriately at all times
- Make sure all players show respect to team mates, opposition, spectators and myself
- Encourage participants to achieve their personal best
- Adopt the School Games values

Adults (Teachers, Parents, Coaches, Event Leaders) will:

- Ensure young people have an enjoyable, fun experience
- Encourage fair play and respect by supporting all teams and participants with positive and appropriate communication (verbal & nonverbal), including communication on online platforms
- Encourage players to treat all participants, teachers, coaches and officials with respect
- Be a positive role model for all young people by setting a good example
- Always consider the health, safety and welfare of young people and other adults (officials, the players, staff and spectators)
- Be polite, acting responsibly and appropriately at all times