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Dear Parents and Players,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as Director of Sport. I hope you had a good Summer and all the players are refreshed and, as the season begins, I would like to confirm with you our procedures and protocol for matches.

As you know, we are highly regarded as one of the top schools in the North and have regularly reached National 16's and 18's Finals in recent years. **When boys train with the hockey squad, staff automatically assume that they are available for selection each week.** If players are unavailable (and hopefully this is a rare occasion), parents should inform staff by letter before selection. Once selected, if a player is injured or ill, parents should write, but if a boy is absent the day before a game, the team manager will assume that he is unavailable, unless telephone contact is made that day. **Medical authorisation forms (attached) should be handed to the relevant member of staff** in charge of your son's team.

Only school kit is to be worn and this includes school tracksuits. Gumshields are **not** optional and we positively encourage boys to wear them! We would prefer that boys are **not** seen in casual attire in and around the Pavilion and Astro.

All players and parents are welcome for refreshments before and after the games.

When we travel to away fixtures, we will endeavour to transport all the players to the match but, if the situation arises when boys require to be transported in cars, then each player will have to have written permission from his parents to the team manager. This also applies to boys departing from the away game.

I would hope that players and parents will show the normal courtesies to the opposition and umpires both before and after the game.

Many thanks for your valued support. Fixture lists are available and have been given to staff for their squads and will be available on the hockey website.

Yours sincerely,

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