

Forres Sandle Manor (Non-Academic) Policy

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HOME MATCHES

- At least one member of the squad should be near the minibus area/front hall at 2pm to meet visitors. The team coach should be available so that visitors can be greeted as they emerge from the minibus parking area – as soon as they arrive the team coach should make contact before the match begins. The children will then escort the visitors to changing rooms; visiting staff generally will go with their team and then the FSM representative will bring the visiting team to the pitch.
- The team coach is responsible for checking that kit is complete, clean and in good repair.
- The children who met the visiting team will remain with them until they have changed and will then escort them to the pitch.
- Home staff should make sure that a member of FSM is available to take the visiting team to the correct pitch.
- At the end of the match:
 - Children should thank the referee/umpire; the Captain should shake hands but other players may do so if they wish to.
 - Children should shake hands with their opposite number.
 - The captain calls for three cheers.
 - All FSM players then form a tunnel to clap opposition off (boys' rugby home matches only).
 - **Team/coach huddles should be minimal and all kit including used oranges water bottle etc. should be collected and returned to the Pavilion. Our primary post-match responsibility is, however, to act as good hosts.**
 - FSM players then escort the opposition to shower (boys only), change and then to tea. For boys' home matches, players will shower and get into FULL school uniform (including blazer and tie) and wait for the opposition outside the dining hall. This should happen on all occasions apart from those where other arrangements have been identified.
- Players should not be permitted to go home before tea, unless prior arrangements have been made.
- All FSM players should see the opposition off. The captain should shake hands with the visiting captain and the visiting team coach.

AWAY MATCHES

Points 2, 5, 6 and 7 above apply.

- FSM players travel in playing kit under their FSM tracksuit. There are occasions, especially in Years 3 and 4 where changing can take longer than the match! Therefore, players of this age may not shower after a match (depending on what the opposition do) and go into match tea and return home in their FULL tracksuits. For boys in Years 5 to 8, it is expected that all will shower and change into FULL school uniform.
- Sweets/soft drinks should not be consumed or in evidence when we are visitors to other schools, nor in the minibus. Parents should be dissuaded from making this rule difficult to enforce.
- Tablets, computer games, and mobile phones are not necessary on short journeys. They may be needed for longer journeys to tournaments etc. but the member of staff has no responsibility for looking after them.
- Captains and others should be encouraged to thank opposition catering staff after match tea.

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR MUST BE IMPECCABLE THROUGHOUT AND THE HIGHEST STANDARDS DEMANDED AT ALL TIMES.

A summary of match day etiquette and expectations has been set out below – it can be used as a basic guideline and is a useful tool for reminding pupils of the expectations of the department.

MATCH DAYS

Playing matches against other schools is about teamwork, respect and enjoyment for all. To help that happen please try to follow the guidelines below.

Remember that you are representing FSM. Make sure the school is proud of you.

- Check the team list for jobs and timings.
- Look the part off the field.
 - Blazers.
 - Shirts tucked in.
 - Ties done up.
- Look the part on the field.
 - Shirts tucked in.
 - Safety kit on. This depends on the sport!
- Play the part on the field.
 - Play hard but fair.
 - Respect the opposition and the referee or umpire.
 - Treat playing as a privilege NOT a right.
 - Always do your best.
 - Encourage your team.
 - Play with a smile and enjoy the game.
- Doing your jobs.
 - Water - fill up and take to the pitches. Empty and return ALL bottles to the Pavilion after the match.
 - Kit to be collected and given out by the kit person. At the end of the match players should give their playing kit helpfully to the person in charge of kit who counts it back in and then returns it to the laundry.
 - If you have worn school kit home please wash it and return it to the laundry as soon as possible.
 - Put your kit away properly.
 - Meet the opposition and take them to the changing room. Show them where they can change and where the toilets are.
- Hosting the opposition.
 - Be on your best behaviour – you are representing your team, your school and yourself.
 - Sit with the opposition and talk to them. You may be playing them for many years to come!
 - Say good bye to the opposition formally and as a team. It is polite and respectful.