

Forres Sandle Manor (Non-Academic) Policy

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A MESSAGE TO FSM'S LOYAL SUPPORTERS!

We are delighted to welcome parents at inter-school sports' fixtures, whether we are playing at home or away. What follows represents our attempt to avoid some of the problems which can spoil children's sport. If it sounds patronising... please accept my apologies!

Inter-School Fixtures have five purposes:

- To put into practice those skills learned during games sessions.
- To develop teamwork and a team work ethic.
- To foster attitudes of sportsmanship, teaching children how to win and lose graciously.
- To develop determination and commitment within a competitive environment, whilst playing at a level that is appropriate to the correct level of ability (at that time).
- To teach children how to behave as good hosts and good visitors.
- To have fun!

Children selected for FSM teams should be:

- Proud of their achievement.
- Excellent ambassadors for the school.
- Committed and determined irrespective of ability.
- Organised, by having the correct kit and being the correct place at the correct time.

Parents are asked to uphold the FSM ethos by observing the following guidelines:

- No dogs are allowed on the playing fields at FSM; most other schools have the same rule but it would be worth checking their websites for more details.
- Be aware of the Sport Policy and understand that teams are chosen (where possible) by ability and that everyone is offered the chance to represent the School at an appropriate level. Team coaches may be required to manage selection depending on the relative strength of the opposition.
- Cheer as much as you like, but be positive at all times.
- Try to show some appreciation of good play by the opposition.
- Never criticize directly or implicitly the referee or umpire for any reason whatsoever including bias or incompetence (remember: rules might have changed since your day!)

- Do not undermine FSM staff. Avoid offering technical or tactical advice on match days. Should you have any concerns, please address these to the Head of Boys'/Girls' sport.
- Never enter the field of play for any reason whatsoever unless invited to do so by the coach (i.e. in the event of serious injury). This applies before, during and after play!
- Allow your child to act as a model host or visitor by NOT delivering sweets/soft drinks at matches and not taking him/her home afterwards until all commitments have been fulfilled.