



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



21st March, 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

On **Tuesday, 24th April**, a TAG Rugby Competition for the North Kirklees Qualifier has been organised via St. John Fishers for **Year 5** children at the Leeds Road Sports Complex, Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1YY.

The children will need their P.E. kits and a pair of trainers, along with a packed lunch and a drink (no fizzy drinks or glass bottles please). Please send this in a carrier bag, labelled with your child's name, so we can throw any waste away and they do not have to carry it around all day.

- If your child receives a Free School Meal, the kitchen can provide a packed lunch. Please complete this section on the School App.

If the weather is not so good the children may bring a tracksuit. The children do not need any spending money and the coach will be provided by Kirklees.

We will be leaving school at 09:00 am and will arrive back at around **3:40 pm**. Therefore you will need to make arrangements to collect your child from school at this later time.

If you would like your child to take part in this competition please complete the application form titled 'Year 5 TAG Rugby Consent Form' by accessing the School App, select 'More' then 'Forms'.

The App can be downloaded by searching for 'St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School' in your Apple / Play store.

Please ensure this is completed no later than Wednesday 28th March, to ensure that teams can be arranged and transport can be organised.

Yours sincerely

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Sports Co-Ordinator

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TAG Rugby Rules

1. **This is a 7 a-side game**, comprising of a squad of 10 children. The squad will be mixed with at least four girls and at least two girls must be on the pitch at all times.
2. The duration of the game will be two halves of 7 or 10 mins each.
3. The game will be played with a size 4 rugby ball.
4. When playing Tag Rugby all players must wear a “tag belt” that has two ribbons (tags) attached to Velcro. The belt must be worn around the waist with all loose clothing tucked in. The tags are positioned on either side of the hips with teams being distinguished by the colour of the tags they wear.
5. The team in possession has the ball for a total of six tags (tackles).
6. A try is scored the normal way by placing or touching the ball down on or over your opponents’ try line. **NB players will not be allowed to dive over the try line in the act of scoring a try.**
7. **Players must stay on their feet AT ALL TIMES (NO DIVING). This includes when making a tag, falling on a loose ball and scoring.**
8. Only the player in possession of the ball can be tagged. A tag is simply the removal by a defender of one of the two ribbons from the ball carrier. The ball carrier cannot fend off or guard (hand off) the tags in any way. When a defender has removed the tag, it should be held above their head and shout “TAG!” for all to hear.
9. The player at Acting Half-Back **cannot** score a try from that position.
10. The defensive line will be asked to retreat 5 metres.
11. The ball carrier must stop and play the ball within 3 metres of the ‘tag’. If not, the referee will instruct the tagged player to return to the mark where tagged.
12. The tagged player then plays the ball through his/her legs. After playing the ball, the tackler will give the tag back to the attacker who must replace it on his/her belt, before re-joining the game.
13. **Spinning with the ball** to avoid being tagged in not allowed.
14. All infringements will result in a handover to the non-offending side at the place the infringement occurred and play is restarted with a pass.
15. There will be no kicks allowed including conversions.
16. The game will commence with a pass, centre field at the beginning of each half.
17. After a try has been scored the non-scoring team will restart with a pass at the half way line with the opposition back 7 metres.
18. A try scores 4 points.

NB.

PLAY THE BALL SEQUENCE:

1. **DEFENDER REMOVES TAG, SHOUTS “TAG!” AND HOLDS THE TAG ABOVE THEIR HEAD (DO NOT THROW ON GROUND)**
2. **BALL CARRIER STOPS, PLAYS THE BALL AND THEN RECEIVES THE TAG BACK FROM THE DEFENDER. HE/SHE REPLACES THE TAG BEFORE RE-JOINING THE GAME.**