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Dear Parents/Carers

What are the PAT Games?

The PAT Games are an opportunity for our Trust Schools to come together and take part in organised sport. The PAT Games are inclusive and the programme is designed with ALL of our pupils in mind.

We believe there is a place for competitive sport and have many **competitions** that are for the teams to compete to their highest level. There are also many **festivals** that are for pupils to come and try a new activity, develop their skills or just take part in sport in a less high pressure environment.

What is the point of the PAT Games?

We believe that Sport and Physical activity is for everyone so we have worked hard to develop a programme that can cater for all. We also want our pupils to experience the bigger picture of sport, understanding it is about more than winning or losing.

Every event celebrates the 'Spirit of the Games', rewarding participants for showing passion, self- belief, respect, honesty, determination and teamwork. These skills can then be used when they get back to school in their day to day life.

We also want our pupils to have these positive experiences within their local community. This can help them develop a new interest which will hopefully develop into a life long passion- increasing their physical and mental well being long after they finish their education journey.

How are the pupils selected for each event?

Our Physical Education curriculum runs alongside our PAT Games offering. This allows staff to consider which pupils would be best to attend each event. Staff will also take into account behaviour and attitude as we want pupils to represent the school, and the Trust in the best way possible within the community. There may be pupils who believe that they are 'not sporty' or that physical activity is not for them, however we would only select them for an event that we deem appropriate for their level. This maybe a step outside their comfort zone but we appreciate your support in encouraging them to get involved.

There is a limited number of spaces available for each event therefore there may be times when your child is not be selected.

We understand this can be extremely disappointing however there will always be another opportunity to represent the school.

We will do our utmost to ensure the correct pupils are selected for the events.

What is the PAT Games Championship?

The PAT Games Championship runs throughout the year and is a culmination of all the points acquired in each event. Points are awarded for-

Bringing a full squad- For most events there are 10 places- so if your school turns up with 10 pupils you get 10 points. Any less than that your school will receive 5, and a complete no show is 0. We appreciate your support in getting pupils to the events, physically and mentally, and shows the importance of turning up for your team.

Spirit of the Games- Stickers will be awarded at the events for showing our Spirit of the Games characteristics. Your school will receive one point per sticker.

Competition outcome- Only in the competitions will points be awarded for where each school finished. 1st- 7 points, 2nd- 6 points etc.

A trophy will be presented to each school on a termly basis, with the overall winners being awarded the trophy at the end of the school year.

Please find the calendar of events below. Where possible, we encourage parents to come and support these events, however there are times when this is just not logistically possible. We will let you know on an event by event basis whether you can attend.

Thanks again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Bucktrout & Kate Wood

PE Co-ordinator



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	<u>DATE & TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
AUTUMN TERM	26th September 1:30– 3pm	Y5/6 Football Match Day	Designated Venues
	3rd October 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Boys Football Festival	A1 Football Factory
	10th October 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Girls Football Festival	A1 Football Factory
	17th October 3:45– 5pm	Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country	The Kings School
	23rd October 10– 11:30	Y1/2 Football Festival	A1 Football Factory
	14th November 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Dodgeball Festival	A1 Football Factory
	21st November 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Dodgeball Festival	A1 Football Factory
	28th November 3:30– 5pm	Y1/2 Rackets Festival	Pontefract Squash Club
	6th December 9:30– 2:30	Y5/6 Dance Competition	The Hut, Airedale
SPRING TERM	22nd January 9:30– 2:30pm	Y5/6 Rackets Festival	Pontefract Squash Club
	29th January 10– 11:30	Y1/2 Inclusive Multi Skills Festival	A1 Football Factory
	6th February 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Basketball Festival	The Kings School
	13th February 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Basketball Festival	The Kings School
	6th March 3:30– 5pm	Y3/4 Rackets Festival	Pontefract Squash Club
	13th March 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Boys Tag Rugby Competition	Pontefract RUFC
	20th March 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby Competition	Pontefract RUFC
	27th March 1:30– 3pm	Y5/6 Football Match Day	Designated Venues
	4th April 9:30– 2:30	Y3/4 Dance Competition	The Hut, Airedale
SUMMER TERM	24th April 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Girls Tri Golf	Carleton High
	1st May 10-11:30	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Festival	Pontefract RUFC
	8th May 10-11:30	EYFS Summer Skills Festival	The Kings School
	15th May 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Cricket Competition	Hundhill Cricket Club
	22nd May 3:45– 5pm	Y5/6 Cricket Competition	Hundhill Cricket Club
	23rd May 9:30– 2:30	Y1/2 Dance Competition	The Hut, Airedale
	12th June	Y5/6 Quadkids Athletics	The Kings School



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3:45– 5pm		
19th June 3:45– 5pm	Y3/4 Quadkids Athletics	The Kings School
26th June 1:30– 3pm	Y5/6 Football Match Day	Designated Venues
3rd July 10– 11:30	Y1/2 Summer Skills Festival	Carleton High
10th July 9:30–2:30	Y6 PAT Games Showdown	Pontefract RUFC