



# Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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## House Sports Day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014**, Whitburn Church of England Academy will hold our annual House Sports Day event. All pupils will be taking part in a number of individual and team sporting events, representing their form class and their houses, overseen by our newly appointed house captains.

There are four Houses with pupils from two tutor groups in each year belonging to one House. The Houses and tutor groups are shown below.

YEAR	BAMBURGH House	TYNEMOUTH House	LINDISFARNE House	DURHAM House
	Tutor Groups	Tutor Groups	Tutor Groups	Tutor Groups
7	CEC FLG	JH LH	LJA LK	MJA VL
8	JMD RB	GG OU	AE TM	CD ER
9	TTA HB	CC DSM	JS SMA	CT NT
10	DG KS	BA LKI	GC AMT	DP SL

As you will be aware each house team has been allocated a team colour and we ask that all pupils attend school wearing a t-shirt or athletic vest of that colour, which they will wear whilst competing and throughout the rest of the day. This top can then be worn at other House events over the coming years. Tops in all the House colours are available at stockists such as Sports Direct online and Primark; there is no need to purchase expensive 'designer' clothing! Pupils should also wear their academy PE kit (please note that fashion leggings are not an acceptable part of the Academy PE kit, however athletic/running leggings are appropriate). If there are any difficulties with providing the correct colour of top, your child must inform their form tutor as soon as possible.

Pupils must wear training shoes suitable for outdoor use, as plimsolls are unsuitable for health and safety reasons. It is extremely important that they bring suitable additional clothing (e.g. tracksuit top or sweatshirt), sunscreen or sun block and a hat, to accommodate the changeable British weather. Please also ensure that your child has a non-fizzy soft drink so that they remain hydrated throughout the day. Alternatively pupils may bring a water bottle to be filled at the water

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dispensers. There will be a limited breakfast and break service on Sports Day, but the lunch service will operate as normal beginning at 11.50am instead of the usual time of 12.30pm

We will, of course, be mindful of the weather forecast for this day and, should the need arise; we may change the date of the event accordingly. We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of any such change. The start and end of the school day will be as normal and the scholars' bus service will run as usual. We are very much looking forward to this exciting day and we are sure that our pupils will have fun competing in all of the events and activities.

We will hold our End of Year assembly for all pupils on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, the last morning of the school year, after which pupils will be dismissed at 12:30pm. The scholars' bus service will run as normal on the morning but there will be **no** afternoon service or school lunches. If your child is entitled to a free school meal please contact the Academy by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July to request a packed lunch.

The final day of term is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** and will also be a non-uniform day; pupils who donate £1 will be allowed to attend school in non-uniform. Monies collected will go towards providing the Academy with a much needed defibrillator machine. We must point out that, although pupils are not required to wear school uniform, they must be dressed modestly and appropriately as is the norm on non-uniform events.

The first day of the autumn term for pupils will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Our new Year 7 pupils, along with Prefects, should arrive at 8:45am. The scholars' service will be available. All other pupils are expected in school at 10:45am.

Thank you for all of your support over the last 12 months and I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer break.

Yours faithfully



**A Hardie**  
**Principal**