



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

16th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Extra Curricular Sports Club Fees

Since becoming Sports Leader for the school in September 2016, I have been advised, from external sources, that all clubs outside of the normal school day should be charged for. This is an initiative that has already been implemented by previous schools that I have worked for, and whilst not currently mandatory, is the direction in which things are being driven.

This is not so much as to restrict children from pursuing further opportunities to develop in sport as to give recognition and remuneration to the members of staff who have voluntarily given of their time, talents and abilities to advance the skills and experiences of your children further. To this end, I know that you will, alongside me, want to offer your thanks and appreciation for all the hard work that these adults do.

The children have been very pro-active in coming to me with suggestions for sporting activities that they would like to participate in; hence the introduction of new clubs this term with more new activities to follow in the summer term. I am keen to offer these opportunities without having to employ expensive outside agencies to accommodate these activities. (The charge of £18 therefore that was implemented for school-based clubs worked out as £1.50 a week.)

I appreciate the financial restrictions this may place on some families; and so having listened to your responses since sending out my letter, I am wanting to build on good relations and to allow more preparation time to embrace these kind of changes. To this end, I, alongside the Senior Leadership Team at St Mary's, have decided that we will offer the Netball, Cross Country and Handball clubs complimentary to the children for the remainder of this academic year.

Finally, I would be most interested to receive feedback about the clubs that we offer (both internally and with external agencies) to ensure that the provision we offer at St Mary's is the best it can be.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Morgan

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Sports Leader



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