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PE Lessons- Hockey

Dear parents/ carers,

Next half term your children will be taught hockey in their PE lessons. To ensure we can teach the skills and game play of hockey in the best and most authentic way possible, we will be transitioning from using plastic sticks to wooden hockey sticks.
This change requires a small but important adjustment to the children's required PE kit: all participating children will be required to wear a gum shield and shin pads during these lessons for safety.

Equipment Details:
Shin Pads: The school has purchased a set of shin pads for all children to use. However, if your child has their own shin pads that they would prefer to wear, they are welcome to use them instead. Please ensure any personal shin pads brought into school are clearly named.

Gum Shields: We ask that you purchase a gum shield for your child. The gum shield should be clearly named and kept in a named protective case or bag, which can then be left at school for the duration of the hockey unit. We have provided links below for websites where suitable gum shields can be purchased:
Gum Shields & Mouth Guards | Protection Gear | Sports Direct
OPRO For Kids | Kids Gum Shield | Children's Mouthguards

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us provide the best possible sports experience for your children.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Fallan