27th September 2017

**Key Stage 2 (Class 2 and 3) Code of Conduct for Pupils and Parents**

**Football team update for Year 5 and 6**

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

As children move into the Key Stage 2 classes we generally try to organise competitive sporting events with other schools. To promote fairness and a sporting attitude it is good practice to ask children and parents to read and agree to a Code of Conduct.

Mrs Fortescue, our PE co-ordinator has written a separate Code of Conduct for pupils and parents. Please find them attached to this letter.

Please read through them together and return signed copies to school.

I would like *all* families in **Class 2 and 3** to sign these agreements.

However, it is particularly important that parents and children on the football team sign these and return them to **school by Monday 2nd October as our first match is that week.**

For children who wish to be on the football team **- Our first match is next week and at home (Whittingham School field).** I am waiting for confirmation of date and time from St Michael’s but as soon as they confirm I will inform parents.

Please remember that only children with football boots and shin pads may play. This is for Health and Safety reasons as well as being good practice.

Some games will be in school time, where this is the case school will provide transport.

Parents will be responsible for organising transportation for matches held out of school

It would be great if in the future, we could have a ‘Boots Lending Library’ where children donate boots that they grow out of for others to use.

To start this off I have a pair of size 4 and a pair of size 5 football boots. Please contact the office or message me on Facebook if these may be of use.

**Confirmation of football team**

I have had 13 interested children for 12 places who returned their slips to school by Monday. I am waiting for confirmation that we can go over by 1 pupil but unfortunately that means that pupils who did not return their slip by Monday cannot be considered.

I really would prefer not to have a selection process where one child is left disappointed so I have looked at practice that I have seen in the past with local league teams when this is the case and if we are unable to have a squad of 13 we will have to rotate the children in such a way that one person misses a game and then is able to play the following game. You would, of course be informed if your child was not playing.

I do not expect this to happen as I am sure we will find our squad is occasionally less than 12 due to illness but just wanted to be extra transparent so that everyone is clear and nobody is disappointed.

**Some more information!**

The squad is made up of 12 players for each game.

7 players will play at one time on the pitch. Players may be substituted throughout the game.

As we are in a competitive league and to give our team a fair chance it may vary from player to player, the experience they have and the position they play and how long they stay on for. The head coach’s (myself) decision is final.

Finally, thank you for supporting us in setting up a football team. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children in Year 5 and 6 and will provide the children on the team with confidence, resilience and new friends and perhaps be the starting point for your children to also join a local team if they do not already.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey – Headteacher.