

30th June 2022

Dear Varndean Families,

Sports Day, 8th July 2022

We are delighted that our annual school Sports Day will take place on Friday 8th July at Withdean Stadium, which we are looking forward to holding for the first time post-Covid.

Timings

Students need to be at Withdean by 9.00am. The day is expected to finish at approximately 1.00pm and students will be dismissed from Withdean.

Clothing and Equipment

All students must attend sports day in appropriate sports clothing, including trainers. For the majority this will be their normal PE kit. Students have the option of wearing sportswear in their school colours in place of their PE kit if they wish (Lennox-Grey, Ellis-purple, Russell-blue, Turing-red and Angelou-green). Please note that anyone not in appropriate sports clothing may not be able to participate in their event. This also applies to students who have chosen only to spectate on the day. However, there is no expectation to purchase sports clothing in school colours as we also have bibs that can go over the blue varndean PE kit when competing. All students will need a packed lunch, a refillable water bottle, waterproofs and sun cream. A packed lunch will be provided for those students entitled to free school meals.

Travel Arrangements and Weather

If your child cannot make their own way to the Withdean Stadium (or you would prefer them not to) please ensure they arrive at Varndean by 8.30am so that they can be walked over with members of staff. To ensure we organise enough staff for this we need to know how many to expect in advance. If you wish your child to be escorted to Withdean please contact the reception team on 01273 561281 or email school@varndean.co.uk

If heavy rain is forecast on the day, we will review the situation and post a notice on the school website if the event is to be cancelled. This will be posted no later than 6pm on Thursday 7th July at www.varndean.co.uk. If Sports Day is cancelled then students must attend school as normal on the 8th but please note that the canteen will not be open so a packed lunch will still be required for that day.

Parents are welcome to join us at Withdean but we ask that students remain with their form groups and parents sit in the designated areas. We also request that parents sign in at the front gate and wear a visitors sticker.

Yours sincerely,

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