



MERCHANT TAYLORS' School

Expectations; Absence & Injury; and Fixture Procedures

Expectations of Pupils

We ask all parents to support the school in reinforcing the importance of commitment and conduct in Sport.

Boys are expected to attend all Games sessions and be available for competitive fixtures, if selected. Please note that regular sports fixtures are held on Saturdays, predominantly in the morning. Pupils are also expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour on the playing field. The use of inappropriate language, dissent and any other unsporting actions will be dealt with the same seriousness as it would be in the classroom.

Our Charter for Sport encourages every boy to embody the values of being

- Selfless
- Proud
- Taking Ownership
- Respectful
- Tenacious in the face of adversity.

These values underpin everything we do, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping your son to live them out, both on and off the field.

Off-Games Procedure

If your son is unable to take part in Games due to injury, we ask that a parent emails jnewcombe@mtsn.org.uk with a full explanation by midday on the day of absence. In addition, we request that your son completes an Injury Record Form, which allows us to monitor the injury and offer appropriate support. You can access the form here: [MTS Injury Record Form – Fill in form](#)

Even if a pupil is off Games, they must still attend the start of their Games session to register. In almost all cases, pupils will still be required to stay with their Games group and assist the coach or teacher as needed. Please therefore ensure that your son has appropriate clothing and footwear if his games option is outside on those days. In exceptional circumstances (for example, a long-term injury involving crutches) we will make alternative arrangements for him at the school until 3.40pm.

In essence, if your son is well enough to be in school, he will be expected to take part in school activities as normal.

School Physiotherapy

We are pleased to announce that MTS have partnered with Ravenscroft Health for the 2026-27 academic year, which will provide a seamless 'pitch to-clinic' pathway for our pupils. Ravenscroft will enhance pupil safety through high-intensity match day physio cover and a

specialist-led on-site concussion and musculoskeletal (MSK) rehabilitation clinic. This service will essentially provide your child with medical assistance for all injuries that take place both in and outside of school.

The cost of utilising this comprehensive medical package is £30.00 per pupil for the academic year. Whilst it may be perceived that this will benefit those pupils who play more competitive school sport, data conclusively shows that injuries can occur at any time when performing physical activity and ultimately the service provided will protect the welfare of your child at all times.

This service will be provided on an 'Opt Out' basis. If, for any reason, you would not like your child to be included in this comprehensive medical package, please email accounts@mtsn.org.uk no later than Friday 21 August 2026.

Fixtures

Request for Absence Procedure

In exceptional circumstances, boys may be allowed to miss a Saturday fixture. In this case, a note will need to be sent by a parent/guardian to the Director of Sport in question with a MINIMUM of 2 weeks' notice. The request for absence will then be considered by the school staff and will be judged on an individual basis. Please be aware that the school, through the Director of Sport, reserves the right to not grant absence requests. The school's sports contacts can be found by visiting <https://www.mtsnsport.org.uk/Contact.asp?Id=180>.

Match Day Procedure

All sports fixtures can be found in the sports calendar:
<https://www.mtsnsport.org.uk/Calendar.asp?Id=180>.

Additional fixtures, e.g Cup matches, may be added and these will be advertised to the boys as soon as possible. Team sheets and further information will be posted on SOCS, a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the game.

Home Matches

Boys can arrive in their Games kit for matches; they will need to bring School Uniform for post-match teas. All boys are expected to play Rugby and Hockey in their shorts. It is hoped that all parents will come to matches to support their son and the team he is representing. Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be available after all home matches either in the dining hall or Lun. We look forward to welcoming you.

Away Matches

Boys will need to travel in the expected dress code for that sport (MTS tracksuit for hockey, school uniform for rugby and whites with a blazer for cricket).

Supporters' Code

At Merchant Taylors', we have a Supporters' code:

Treat everyone with Respect

Allow the coaches to coach

Yelling from the sidelines helps no-one!

Let the boy's play

Observe, encourage and enjoy the match

Respect the officials' decisions

Support all those playing the game

**It is hoped that supporters will uphold the School's Code of Conduct at all times and support us in ensuring matches are played in the correct spirit.*