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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may be aware, we have over the last year or so looked at ways to accommodate spectators of sporting events at school safely and appropriately. This has provided some challenges and we have looked at many different ways to deal with these.

Having explored a number of options we have decided that the protocol outlined in this letter is the best way to approach this. We ask that all potential spectators follow this protocol and sign a Code of Conduct, which is attached. Spectators will be presented with this Code of Conduct upon arrival at school. The purpose of asking spectators to sign this is to remove the need for a member of staff to directly supervise spectators while they are watching the sporting event.

We will ask all spectators to follow the protocol below:

- Spectators are invited to arrive 10 minutes before the start of the sporting event or at 3:40pm if the event continues after school hours
- Spectators are to report to reception immediately upon arrival to sign in
- Spectators read and sign the Code of Conduct
- Spectators wait in reception to be collected by a member of staff and taken to the venue
- Spectators remain at the venue during the sporting event
- When the sporting event is finished spectators will wait for a member of staff to show them off site. If the sporting event finishes after school hours, spectators can make their own way to the exits

These arrangements will start with immediate effect. Should you have any questions please do contact me at Farlingaye.

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Sievwright

Headteacher

Farlingaye High School

Code of Conduct for Spectators

We are really glad that you are able to support our school fixture today and our teams appreciate your encouragement and enthusiasm.

This Code of Conduct describes a set of behaviours expected of spectators at Farlingaye High School sports events to ensure that they are enjoyable and safe for all children involved. To be invited onto the school site to watch a sporting activity, all potential spectators must read and sign the Code, committing themselves to the following:

I will...

- Remember that children play for fun and that winning is of secondary importance.
- Applaud effort and good play
- Respect the referee's decisions even when I don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play by all players
- Refrain from any form of coaching
- Encourage the players to respect one another, the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism.
- Remain with a member of staff when moving to and from the site of the relevant sporting activity
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area at all times
- Avoid any interaction with students who are not directly involved in the activity I am watching
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Report any offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour to a member of staff at the earliest opportunity

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any or all the following actions may be taken:

I may be...

- Obligated to leave the site by school staff
- Banned from attending future sporting activities on the school site
- Asked not to attend future sporting activities involving Farlingaye students which take place at other venues.

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I hereby confirm that I will abide by the Farlingaye High School Code of Conduct for Spectators.

Name:

Signature:

Date: