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Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you that Wednesfield Academy's PE department will be introducing hockey into our curriculum as part of our alternative and inclusive sport scheme. This will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop new skills, experience a different sport, and engage in fun and competitive activities.

This block will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. During this time, we are fortunate to have coaching sessions led by Bloxwich Hockey Club, giving our pupils access to expert guidance and high-quality training.

To ensure the safety of all children, we strongly recommend that pupils wear mouth guards and shin pads while participating in hockey lessons. If a pupil chooses not to wear this protective equipment, they increase their risk of sustaining an injury. Parents can purchase these items in store and online at the following retailers: Sports Direct (offers a variety of protective equipment, including shin pads and mouth guards - [sportsdirect.com](https://www.sportsdirect.com)), Amazon UK (provides a wide selection of protective gear - [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)) and Decathlon (stocks mouth guards and shin pads suitable for different levels of play - [decathlon.co.uk](https://www.decathlon.co.uk)).

Parents can purchase different brands of shin pad and mouth guard, here is an example from Sports Direct: EVERSIELD Single Mouth Guard - £4.00 and Umbro Axis Slip 99 shinpad - £3.00. We encourage all pupils to follow this guidance to purchase shin pads and a mouthguard for hockey. These shin pads can also be worn during football lessons and the mouth guarding during rugby to provide additional protection. Wednesfield's PE department are proud to be offering this exciting opportunity and look forward to seeing them embrace a new sporting challenge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Parsons (Director of Sport) via [postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk](mailto:postbox@wednesfieldacademy.co.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Phillips  
Headteacher

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