

September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Perse School on Hills Road has been running a hockey club for primary school pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with the intention of introducing them to the game of hockey and inspiring children to play sport. This will continue in 2024/2025 and is open to boys and girls currently in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. There will be no charge for attending this club.

Sessions will run every Friday evening at The Perse Upper on Hills Road, starting at 4.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm. **The first session is 4 October 2024** and dates are listed below. We are initially inviting children who joined the sessions last year or who were on the waiting list in the first instance. As an after-school club, parents will need to make arrangements for getting their children to <u>The Perse Upper site</u> (CB2 8QF).

If your son/daughter would like to attend this club please could you complete the Microsoft Form here <u>before their first session</u>;

https://forms.office.com/e/LZEubdZzZn

We operate a first come, first serve basis and take 40 in the club at one time. We operate a waiting list for those who signed up but did not make it into the club initially. You will be contacted to confirm if your child has a place in the club or if they are on the waiting list (please do not turn up to the Club without signing up first).

If you have any queries, please contact empreston@perse.co.uk

Information:

Parking

There is limited capacity in The Perse car park and please *do not* park on the school site before 4.25pm. There is often space in local surrounding streets and you will likely find that getting away again from those roads will take less time than the significant queues that we are seeing in the car park. By the time children are being collected, the majority of students and staff have left, so parking is considerably easier. There is plenty of cycle parking available on site and there are <u>bus routes</u> (1, 13, 13A, 7, X3) that stop right outside the school; the Addenbrooke's Bus Stops are about a 5-minute walk from the school entrance.

Arrival details and signing in

In order to remain compliant with the safeguarding responsibilities that apply to schools, our registration process will be as follows; we will have some student coaches present from 4:15-4:40 registering the children by the flagpole outside Reception. Please bring the children to sign in there

and our coaches will accompany them to the pitch. Any parents who are then staying to watch the session will need to sign in at reception and collect a visitor lanyard before making their way round to the pitch using the usual route that goes round the outside of the school buildings (please remember to return it).

If for any reason you are delayed and only arrive after 4:40, you will need to sign in at Reception and collect a visitor lanyard before then bringing children round to the pitch.

Collection

Children should be collected from the pitch (this is helpful in case any messages need to be passed on directly to parents from the staff coaches e.g. if a child has had a bump in the session etc.). As we are well past the end of the school day at this stage, we will not expect you to collect visitor lanyards to collect children.

Jon Peckett will be directing the coaching which is led by a group of sixth form students from The Perse School, who play hockey competitively. He will be assisted by Hannah Farrant, who also teaches at The Perse Upper and plays at regional premier league level.

Children can bring sticks if they have them, but sticks will be provided otherwise. Children should bring their own shin pads (although we have a few spare sets) and are strongly advised to wear mouthguards (although once again if getting a mouthguard is a problem we can assist here too).

Kind regards,

Richard Morgan

Assistant Head (Operations & Outreach)

Dates attached as an appendix below

Primary School Hockey Club - Dates for 2024-25 academic year:

Christmas Term 2024

Friday	4th October 2024
Friday	11th October
Friday	18th October
No sessions on:	25th October, 1st November
Friday	8th November
Friday	15th November
Friday	22nd November
Friday	29th November

Easter Term 2025

Friday	10th January 2025
Friday	17th January
Friday	24th January
Friday	31st January
Friday	7th February
No sessions on:	14th February, 21st February
No sessions on: Friday	14th February, 21st February 7th March
Friday	7th March

Summer Term dates will be advised nearer the time. We will advise you in advance if any of the sessions above are to be cancelled.