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Dear Parents/Guardians/House Parents of Year 3 pupils,

With the first hockey matches for our Year 3 girls coming up, I want to let you know how team selection will work.

We are fortunate this year to have a good number of girls in Year 3 – 18 of them! This is significantly more than many of the schools we play. Typically the girls will play in teams of 6 a-side, and of the 5 matches we have, 4 of them are against schools who can put out only one team. We obviously cannot swap 18 girls into one match! Therefore, not all girls will play every match. There will be no selection by ability (please ignore if the SOCs website and school calendar mentions U8A, U8B etc – that's purely an admin template thing, and we will change it before printing team sheets). For each match we will choose teams of mixed ability and will do our very best to try to ensure that all girls play the same number of matches during the term. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October there is a friendly festival at Dean Close (as in the calendar), and all girls will play in this.

The first match is next Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Dean Close at 3.45pm.

Girls are expected to have complete and correct kit for matches, including a water bottle. If they do not have a gumshield they will not be allowed to play.

If you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me or Mrs Godley.

Kind regards

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