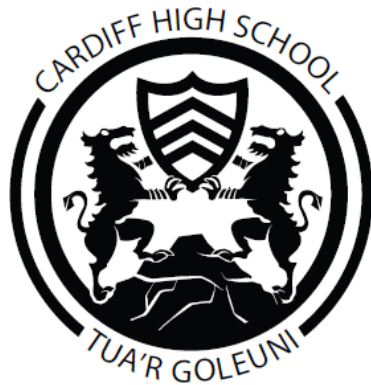


CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Guidance for Schools Sports Fixtures

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GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL SPORTS FIXTURES

This guidance has been agreed by all secondary schools at a meeting on 4th July 2025.

Guidance Relating to Parental Attendance at School Matches

All schools to send a letter to parents to outline visitor expectations for sporting activity / fixtures.

1. Where possible, fixtures to kick off at the end of the school day thereby minimising safeguarding risks.
2. Visiting teams to park in appropriate spaces ensuring emergency access is kept clear.
3. Home school parents, plus Away parents, to access the school site after the end of day school bell. This may be up to a ten-minute delay to allow for safe exiting of pupils prior to parents coming on site.
4. Parents, where possible, should go straight to the school facility / field where the match is taking place.
5. If it is an outdoor fixture, parents are required to stand at the side of the pitch, not behind the goals or posts.
6. If it is an indoor facility, the PE department will instruct parents as to where they wish them to stand and watch the match/activity safely.
7. Parents are reminded to not attempt to coach the team or individual players.
8. When fixtures are arranged, PE departments and the opposition department, will remind their own pupils that parents cannot access the school site until after the school bell, see point 3.
9. In some instances, parents may be dropping off students to a school fixture. If permitted by the host school, they can drive onto the school site but must remain in the car with the children until the school member of staff arrives. If not permitted to access the school site, they will wait until the end of the school day.
10. Where a school fixture has to start early i.e. during the school day, the school must have a system in place that meets safeguarding requirements. Parents who are visiting must know what areas are out of bounds and may be required to sign in as a visitor.
11. If it is not possible to impose the conditions above, then an early game will be a match with no spectators to ensure the safeguarding of those pupils that are in lessons.