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Sporting Event – CADSSA Y5/6 Football Tournament

CADSSA

Dear Parents/Carer,

Your child has been chosen to represent the school in the following sporting event:

Event:	CADSSA Football Y5/6 Tournament
Date(s) / Time:	Wednesday 24 th May (We are to arrive at the venue by 13.15. Completion of our involvement in the tournament will depend on the success of the team however it has finished at around 16.00-16.30 in the past)
Venue:	Cheadle Primary School

The Event

Parents / carers are kindly asked to arrange transport for the event. Parents / carers are very welcome to spectate and support during the event. The school is not able to arrange transport.

Team members will need to wear football boots, shin pads and an "under armour" style base layer (the weather is bound to be a little chilly). St John's football kits will be given out on the day.

CADSSA Background

CADSSA stands for *Cheadle and District School Sports Association* and has been running primary school sporting events for over 30 years. St John's is proud to be an active member of the organisation and Mr Redfern attends termly meetings to organise events with the 12 other member schools. We will be participating in CADSSA events in various sports throughout the year.

Heading - Reminder

We have been asked to publicise this information once again:

Over recent months, there have been a number of reports highlighting the potential risks to players from excessive heading of a football and the possible neurologic impact which this can have. Last year, The Football Association advised against children heading a ball during training sessions and this season, have commenced a trial into the removal of deliberate heading of the ball in games at this age group.

*As an organisation of 13 primary schools, the Cheadle and District School Sports Association (CADSSA) are proud to have decided that **no heading** will be permitted in any CADSSA football matches.*

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Of course, we appreciate that this rule change may draw questions, but this is a decision which is taken with the interests of your child firmly at heart and the teachers, staff and schools who are part of CADSSA, all want to keep your child safe and reduce risk to them.

Although we will support children in adapting to this rule, heading during a match can result in an in-direct free kick to the opposing team, or in the case of a header to prevent a goal, a penalty may be awarded to the opponent.

The safety of the children remains our priority and, as an organisation, we are proud to have made this decision. We thank each of you in advance for your understanding of the reasons behind this decision and for respecting and supporting the referees - and this change of rule - within matches and both before and after events.

*Cheadle and District School Sports Association
(September 2022)*

We appreciate that this may not align with guidance and rules experienced by those children who play competitively for teams outside of school but we would really welcome your support and understanding when it comes to following CADSSA guidelines.

Please reply via email to Mr Redfern (sredfern@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk) **as soon as possible** giving the following information:

- 1) Child's name
- 2) Class
- 3) Any other important information (e.g. have you made arrangements with another parent to transport your child?)

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Redfern

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