



24 March 2025

Dear Families

England Hockey National State School Festival - Tier 2 - Friday 28 March 2025

This letter is to inform you that your child has been selected to represent the Sackville School Hockey team in the National Schools tournament taking place on Friday 28 March 2025.

Travel and Logistics

Students will travel to Nottingham Hockey Centre, University Blvd, Nottingham, NG7 2PS, and from by coach / bus. We will meet at the school at 5.45am for a prompt departure at 6.00am and we plan to return by 11.30pm. As we have hired out a coach / bus to seat 35 students we are asking for voluntary contributions of £15 per child. Sackville staff will accompany students throughout the whole day. We never want cost to be a barrier preventing members of our Sackville Community from our culture of belonging or from being able to take part in trips and events. We will work closely with all families to ensure that every child has equitable access to opportunity, during their time at Sackville School. We will provide full funding for our eligible Pupil Premium students, from the available grant for this opportunity. If you have any questions please get in contact with your community team.

What to Bring

Students should be prepared for playing in all weather conditions. They should bring suitable clothing to change into and then a change of clothes to change back into after the tournament. Recommended clothing includes:

- Shin pads, mouth guard, astros/trainers
- Hockey stick (we have spares to borrow if needed)
- Layers for warmth
- PE top/navy skort/navy shorts/blue socks
- Breakfast/lunch box/snacks
- Water bottle/hydration
- A full set of waterproofs, or at minimum a waterproof jacket
- Change of clothes for traveling back on the bus
- Money for dinner/snacks

Behaviour Expectations

As we will be working alongside members of the public, it is essential that students demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour and respect for the environment.

Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on our [website](#). **Peanuts or peanut related products are not allowed to be taken on any school visit.**

Please could we ask you to complete this [Google Form](#) to give permission for your child to take part.

Thank you for supporting these enriching learning opportunities. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me - fmitchell@sackvilleschool.org.uk

We look forward to a competitive day of hockey.

Yours sincerely

Miss Fern Mitchell
Teacher of PE

FAQ's

What schools are playing? In Tier 2 we are playing against a range of 27 English state schools from across the country.

Who is this organised by? England Hockey are the organisers

Why is it in Nottingham? Nottingham is the location of the national hockey centre