



Just a word about cricket!

- It is likely your son will ask for all sorts of cricket kit and equipment at the start of the season. If your son does not play for a local club just wait to see what school team he will be playing in. Different teams play different styles of cricket some of which do not require a bag full of equipment. The school does have spare equipment as well as clothing your son can borrow.
- Year 3 and 4 play cricket in their gym kit – black shorts and white polo top. They do not need any cricket kit.
- School cricket clothing is available from Stevensons. However plain white clothing without the school logo is acceptable if your son does not regularly play for school teams. **Clothing with coloured piping or logos from other teams is not allowed.** It makes the teams look scruffy.
- Please use the following guide when purchasing a cricket bat for your son. Boys should be able to raise/hold the bat with one hand out to the side of their body. From experience a lot of parents buy a bat 'for the boys to grow into' which doesn't help them bat whilst it's too big for them!

Cricket Bat Size Chart				
Bat Size	Approx Age	Height of Batsmen (feet)	Bat Length (inches)	Bat Width (inches)
1	4-5	to 4'3"	25 3/4"	3 1/2"
2	6-7	4'3" - 4'6"	27 3/4"	3 1/2"
3	8	4'6" - 4'9"	28 3/4"	3 3/4"
4	9-11	4'9" - 4'11"	29 3/4"	3 3/4"
5	10-12	4'11" - 5'2"	30 3/4"	4"
6	11-13	5'2" - 5'6"	31 3/4"	4"
Harrow	12-14	5'6" - 5'9"	32 3/4"	4 1/6"
Full SH	15+	5'9" - 6'2"	33 1/2"	4 1/4"
Full LH	15+	over 6'2"	34 3/8"	4 3/4"

- All boys playing with a hard ball will need their own box (mums if you don't want to go there ask their father!). We do have spares but it's not necessarily something that is nice to share! The teams that will need one are 1 -3rd XI and Colts A – C.
- Cricket does happen even if it is raining. Often decisions on whether a match is played will be made as late as possible to give the boys the best opportunity to play. If

you are coming to watch bring a rug and umbrella. There is always tea to look forward to!

- Different age groups play a variety of styles of cricket depending on their age and ability. This means the length of time each game take will vary greatly. Add into that teams playing away from school and having to negotiate rush hour traffic the school can only give an estimated time of arrival back at school. We will use Schoolcomms to text if a team is expected particularly late back. We will try to use Twitter as well but often the teachers are driving a minibus so cannot use their phones. If you wanted to err on the side of caution, do not arrive early to pick up my son playing an away cricket match. The boys can have access to a phone to tell you they have arrived back early should that miracle occur! It is a useful life skill to have them learn your mobile number too.
- Some **Home matches** are played at Redbourn CC. Please check the weekly team sheet to see if that means your son will be playing there.
- Finally there is always the option of boarding on a Wednesday night!

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