



Friday May 24th 2019

Dear parents/carers,

I take great pleasure in writing to you in regards to another excellent opportunity that has been offered to pupils in KS3 and KS4. From Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019, and for the following 6 weeks, Fern House will be return to Orchardside school to take part in another set of football training sessions.

The whole purpose of these sessions, organised by Metaswitch Enfield FC, is to engage with students with social and emotional difficulties through the sport of football. Metaswitch have said *'we are hoping that we can break down the barriers to their learning and engage in a positive way that will inspire our pupils to build on aspirations from this experience'*. During the sessions pupils will work on their football, leadership and communication skills as well as being taught the importance of a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating.

The sessions will be run by qualified coaches, one being an ex-Premier League player, and will take place on one of Orchardside's new 4G all-weather astroturf pitches.

The sessions will start at 11.50 a.m. and end at 1.20 p.m. so a packed lunch will be provided if your child normally has a school dinner. I would also suggest pupils have a healthy drink and snack for the sessions. Pupils will be taken by school minibus for the short journey to Orchardside, which is around a 10-minute journey, and located near Capel Manor.

Pupils should bring a change of clothes suitable for outdoor football as well as football boots or trainers. There are changing facilities available at Orchardside that only Fern House will have access to.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

John Puddefoot

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