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Dear Parent

### **Gum Shield Fittings (Current Years 2-10): Tuesday 8 September 2020**

It is imperative that your child wears a gum shield during contact sports such as rugby and hockey. The wearing of gum shields significantly reduces the chances of serious dental damage. Therefore all pupils (with the exception of Y11) will need to acquire a gum shield in preparation of the start of term. Whilst there may be limitations placed initially on sports such as rugby and hockey, we want to be ready for competitive play as soon as guidelines allow.

The school offers a service which allows pupils to be fitted and supplied with their gum shields at school. Each one comes with a carry box and your child's name is embedded in the gum shield for easy identification if lost.

The dentist will be in school on Tuesday 8 September for fittings and the gum shields should be with us in the third week of the autumn term. I have enclosed some information about the procedures our dentist will be following during this sessions.

The cost is:

- o Single colour £38
- o Two colours £42

The cost will be added to your Spring Term account.

Over the years many parents have taken advantage not only of the service, but also of the competitive price. If you would like your child to be fitted with a gum shield then please email [linda.ward@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:linda.ward@redhouseschool.co.uk) by Friday 24 July.

Alternatively, if you would prefer your child not to a dental fitting at this time, please find a wide range of products which can be fitted at home on the following website:  
<https://www.opromouthguards.com/shop-by-age.html>

Yours sincerely

**Mrs M Sweeney**  
**Head of Physical Education**

**Procedures during gum shield fitting:**

- Staff will use disposable items at every stage. The impression trays are new and already disinfected.
- Staff will wear disposable gloves and change for each patient.
- Staff will wear face masks.
- There will be no patient contact with any other item except the chairs and possibly door handles.
- The finished impressions do not touch any surface and are disinfected by specialised spray technique and immediately placed in a container for onward shipment to our laboratory.
- The finished impressions will be handled in a different area to where the fresh mixing of materials takes place.
- The chair used for fitting will be disinfected between each year group.

Mr Denis R Stublely (B.D.S)