

**Oadby Wyggs RFC Year 8 boys mini schools festival – 2nd December**

Thank you very much for taking up the club’s offer to participate in the above festival. We hope that all participants thoroughly enjoy the afternoon. A few key points to note:

* The key purpose of the festival is to encourage participants to come down to Oval Park for a training session on a Wednesday evening, following the event.
* The core values of rugby i.e. Teamwork, Respects, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportmanship should be upheld and adhered to at all times
* The event is a ‘festival of rugby’ as opposed to a tournament. As such the intention is that the games are played in a competitive spirit aligned with the values above, and that all players have the opportunity to participate in the games.
* All players’ parents are actively encouraged to attend and support.
* Players are required to arrive in suitable, warm sports gear with rugby/football boots. Changing facilities will not be available
* Refreshments will be available
* There will limited parking available, however overflow parking will be available at Parklands Leisure Centre

**The matches**

9 players from a suggested squad of 13. Generally most players will be expected to be Year 8 boys, however Year 7 & 9 boys are also welcome to make up numbers, if required.

A match will be 7 minutes each way, with 2 minutes for half time and 5 minutes between each match. Substitutions can be made at any time when the ball goes dead.

**Timescales**

13.00 - players to arrive

13.15 - players to be given tour of the clubhouse and changing room facilities

13.30 – Individual schools warm up and team talk

14.00 – Kick off

15.00 – 3 Matches completed, then tackle bags/shields

15.15 - Trophy presentation at the end - one to each school for participation and then a larger one to the school who has demonstrated most the core values of rugby

15.45 – Players to be provided with fliers and hometime