

Katherine Semar Infant & Junior Schools

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14th September 2020,

Dear Parent/carers,

We are delighted to be able to start morning squads again this term. Squads are training sessions for children who have shown particular aptitude at a particular sport and this gives our sports teachers the opportunity to coach the children intensely to nurture their natural aptitude for this sport. Children who attend these squads are usually chosen to represent the school in school teams and competitions. We would usually run trials for the children and a smaller number of children would be selected to train for these sports.

At the present time, there are no competitions planned we continue to be guided by both the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership and individual sports' governing bodies. However, there will be some virtual competitions where children can submit their scores and still compete with other children of their age. We also feel that by offering training again this will assist both the children's physical health and mental wellbeing and they will be ready for any competitions which may happen.

We will initially be offering squads for football and netball and they will be happening in year group bubbles. Children will attend squad sessions in their PE kit which they will then stay wearing for the rest of the day; all squads are open to both boys and girls. Squads will be happening on the following days:

Day	Football	Netball
Monday	Year 4	None
Tuesday	Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday	None	Year 6
Thursday	Year 5	Year 3
Friday	Year 6	Year 4

Squads will run from 8:15am, the children will be met at the junior playground gate by the coaches. They will enter their classroom through the normal door, not the main front entrance, make their lunch choice and meet the coach back outside ready to start.

We will not be running initial trials this year, if your child would like to be considered for a place in either or both of these squads, please fill in the attached form below and return to school by **Wednesday 16th September**. Numbers will be limited and we will aim to accommodate as many children as possible. However, if a squad is oversubscribed the coaching staff will make a decision based on their knowledge of the children's abilities. Sports clubs will be offered after school and will be open to any children who were not successful in gaining a squad place. Squads will start on Monday 21st September and you will be **ONLY** be notified if your child is not successful in gaining a place in the squad.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Webb and Mr Gilkes

My child _____ in Year _____

Would like to be considered for a place in:

Football squad []

Netball squad []

Both []

