

Firrhill High School Sports Membership

Firrhill High School has many successful extra-curricular sporting activities on offer after school each day.

At the start of the new term there will be 2 weeks of tasters where all pupils can come along and try out clubs (programme overleaf). This will start on Monday 19th August and continue until Friday 30th August. Pupils are welcome to come along and try out as many clubs as they like during this time.

Firrhill have a Sports Membership fee of £24 for all pupils participating in our extra-curricular clubs/teams. This enables each pupil to attend as many of these clubs as they wish over the course of the year (the exception to this is the hockey club which is managed by parents). It is our aim to use this contribution to continue to develop and improve extra-curricular opportunities for all pupils in Firrhill High School.

At Firrhill we are committed to ensuring all children can access sporting opportunities. Pupils who are in receipt of a free school meal entitlement will not be asked to pay to attend clubs. If you have any concerns regarding paying for Sports Membership please speak to Miss Carmichael or Mr Walkinshaw.

The Sports Membership registration is online at www.joininedinburgh.org in the green Activity Search box enter the booking code **FIR-70**.

Here you can pay the membership fee or pupils on Free Schools Meals can tick the box which entitles them to a free place.

Pupils can also register for the clubs they wish to attend. There are restricted numbers for some clubs i.e. parkour, tennis and these are allocated on a first come, first served place.

All pupils joining the Sports Membership will be provided with a Sports Members t-shirt. This will be handed out by either coach at their club/PE staff.

Firrhill aim for our activities/clubs to be inclusive to all pupils. If your child needs additional support we will be happy to discuss with you and the coach how your child can be helped to take part.

The extra-curricular club programme is provided on the school website and placed on noticeboards around the school. There is also a clubs board in the PE foyer. If clubs have to be cancelled at the last minute we will announce this via the noticeboard in the PE Department. New clubs are announced via the bulletin with additional posters and via the PE twitter account [@FirrhillPE](https://twitter.com/FirrhillPE).

All clubs can vary term to term depending on demand and the availability of coaches and facilities. Due to exam leave and lack of hall space in term 3 some clubs may cease or run at a reduced level. This is reflected in the overall membership cost.

We are currently recruiting volunteers in a variety of roles to help us provide as many opportunities as possible for children to take part in sport and physical activity! We will provide full training and support. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity (ie. Coaching, transport, first aid etc) please contact me to discuss further. The more helpers we have the more opportunities our pupils will have!

Should you wish to know more about the Active Schools extra-curricular programme or if you have any questions regarding the Sports Membership please do not hesitate to contact Lorna Norman, Active Schools Co-ordinator email: lorna.norman@ea.edin.sch.uk phone: 07884-191761.

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