

24th September, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Orienteering 2020-21

Orienteering is a challenging outdoor adventure sport. The aim is to navigate between control points marked on an orienteering map and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time. The great thing about orienteering is that you can run whichever course you want to - whether that's long or short, easy or hard. Competitors are grouped into age classes. This means that you are competing against other juniors of a similar age and ability.

The Saturday Series resumes on Saturday 26th September at [Shirebrook Country Park](#) 12:30-15:00. (Covid guidance is available at the link above). The South Yorkshire Orienteers (SYO) have chosen to hold the first meet at Shirebrook rather than Endcliffe because it is much quieter with members of the public.

Year 3/4/5 will run the White course and Year 6 will run the Yellow course. **Parents are responsible for the children's welfare for these races.**

Course	Length	Description	Junior Age Classes	
White	0.5-1.5km	This is usually the shortest course on offer and is aimed at young children who are moving off the string course (see below) and into the terrain. The courses are very simple and stick to main paths.		
Yellow	1-3km	These courses are slightly more technical than the white courses with controls slightly off the paths, but on easy to find line features such as streams or walls.	M10	W10

Childrens runs are £2 but it will be **free** for the first timers as our school is in the Sheffield Federation for School Sport. Due to Covid regualtions, the big change is **that everyone must pre-enter** on the [SYO entries system](#) (by today Thursday 24th September). There is absolutely no entry (without doing it online first) on the day. Second runs are still permitted but you must still pre-enter.

Children will need to bring trainers, leggings or shorts, a tee shirt or long sleeved top and a drink. Parking is available by the visitor's centre (nearest postcode: S13 7BP). Pupils will run individually in their school years. Results will be published but no schools' names will be listed. As soon as the SFSS allow competitions to restart SYO will reinstate the schools' league.

Results and information can be found at <https://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/> and <https://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/juniors/475-other-useful-stuff>.

There is also a free Virtual Oriennerring app which you can use on your smart phone from <https://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/events/virtual-orienteering> if pupils/families would like to get more practice or to experience something new away from the competitions.

Yours sincerely,

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