



Earliston High School Melrose Rugby Wasps

S1 Rugby

Dear Parent/Carer,

Each season, the school works in partnership with Melrose Rugby Club offering training and fixtures to our S1-6 pupils. This partnership is called 'Wasps Rugby'. From August through to May, there are Friday afternoon and Saturday fixtures against other Borders Schools and on occasion, matches further a-field. All pupils are welcome to join the rugby club; it must be emphasised that no previous experience is required. Our focus is on participation, development, and enjoyment by providing a culture known as 'The Wasps Way' to help instil many of rugby and life's key values.

Training will start when school resumes after the summer and is provisionally scheduled to be from 3.45pm-5pm at Earliston HS on Mondays and Wednesday – these details will be confirmed and communicated closer to the time. Transport home from training should be organised by parents and carers. Club sessions termed Wasps Academy nights will take place at Melrose RFC on between October and February Wednesdays from 6pm – 7pm at Melrose Rugby Club – again details to be confirmed.

There is a **registration fee** (amount still to be confirmed) for the Wasps Rugby Club to cover training equipment and resources, and there is a **match day fee** (to be confirmed). If your child is going to take part in Wasps rugby, any training kit will suffice. Playing kit is currently being updated and details on this will follow from club coaches. Your child will also need studded or plastic bladed football/rugby boots and a gum shield which is also compulsory for all matches and training. We want to make rugby accessible to all therefore in August please contact either Melrose RFC or Mr Patterson if you require support with any payments.

The Scottish Rugby Union insures all pupils who are registered with schools/clubs to play rugby in Scotland. For details of their policy please see the Scottish Rugby website. All youth players at the club must complete a registration form and an EV2 form to comply with Melrose Rugby Club, Earliston High School and SRU insurance regulations. These will be issued in August.

The school has a Facebook page where you can see photographs of matches and team coaches will keep you up to date with arrangements.

Yours sincerely,

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