

Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents

NatWest Cup Final at Twickenham - 29 March 2017

Here are the basic details of timings for the day. Boys should come into school (in uniform) at the normal time, and the School Eucharist Service will take place in the Cathedral as scheduled, starting at 0900. At the end of the service, boys who have ordered a packed lunch from the kitchen should collect it from the Dining Hall and all boys will go to their normal lessons until morning break at 1020. Food will be available in the Dining Hall at breakfast and morning break as usual.

At 1040, after morning break, boys will go to their tutor rooms until they are summoned, by tutor group, to assemble to join the coaches for onward travel to Twickenham. At this point boys who are not travelling to the match will be free to leave school (see below please). Because of the limited coach parking space on Exeter Street the coaches will arrive in relays and the process of loading will therefore take some time. This also means that the coaches' arrival at Twickenham will be staggered, with the journey time likely to be around 1 hour 40 minutes (traffic permitting). Unfortunately, we will be unable to pick up boys en route. Once the boys are at the ground we will make arrangements for their seating area and Mr Gilmour will be issuing more details of this later this week.

Kick-off is scheduled for 1540 and we should be finished at the ground between 1730-1800. Return to <u>the</u> <u>Coach Park near the Maltings</u> is therefore likely to be around 1930-2000; updates on the return time will be advised on the @BWordsworths twitter feed as necessary.

There are two specific important requests please, as follows:

- 1. If your son is **NOT** travelling to Twickenham and **CANNOT** go home until the end of the normal school day (ie 1550) can you please advise School Reception.
- 2. If you wish to pick up your son at the stadium and take him home you MUST tell us in advance if you do not do so then he will return on the coach. As I am sure you appreciate we will have nearly 600 boys on 12 coaches, and we cannot run the risk on the day of either leaving a boy stranded in London or having a coach full of passengers delayed. Unfortunately, for the same reason, we will be unable to drop any boys off en route.

If either (1) or (2) above apply to your son then can you please email School Reception rec@bws.wilts.sch.uk by 1550 Friday 24 March 2017 and provide us with your son's name and tutor group.

Thank you and I hope that you will be able to join us on what should be a memorable and historic day of sport for the boys.

Yours sincerely

S D Smallwood Head Master