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School Sport Selection Policy

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1. Introduction

At our school, we believe that physical activity and school sport play an essential role in supporting pupils' health, wellbeing, confidence and personal development. As an inclusive school, we aim to provide **opportunities for all pupils** to take part in a wide range of physical activities, whether for enjoyment, participation, or competition.

This policy outlines how pupils are selected for **non-competitive** and **competitive** sporting opportunities throughout their time with us.

2. Our Commitment to Inclusion

We are committed to ensuring that:

- All pupils have the opportunity to participate in physical activity as part of the curriculum.
 - All pupils are encouraged to try a variety of sports and activities.
 - No pupil is excluded from participation opportunities without fair and clearly understood reasoning.
 - A balance is maintained between inclusivity and the need to field appropriately selected teams for competitive inter-school events.
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3. Non-Competitive Sporting Opportunities

Examples include: fun runs, festivals, skills sessions, health and wellbeing days, introductory sports workshops, and intra-school (house) competitions.

For non-competitive events:

- Participation will be **open to as many pupils as the activity reasonably allows**.
 - Staff will ensure that pupils of all abilities, backgrounds, and confidence levels are represented.
 - Rotational systems may be used to ensure all pupils have fair access across the school year(s).
 - The focus will be on enjoyment, engagement, learning new skills, and developing a positive attitude to physical activity.
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4. Competitive Sporting Opportunities

Examples include: inter-school leagues, tournaments, cup competitions, and events where scores or results determine progression or rankings.

When selecting pupils for competitive events, staff will aim to select teams that can represent the school effectively while maintaining fairness and transparency. The following factors **will be taken into account**:

4.1 Ability and Skill Level

- Pupils will be selected who demonstrate the skills required for the specific sport or event.
- Selection may be influenced by performance in lessons, school clubs, or trials where appropriate.

4.2 Attitude and Effort

- Pupils' effort and focus in PE lessons and school sports clubs will be considered.
- A positive attitude towards teamwork, listening, and learning is important for competitive representation.

4.3 Behaviour

- Pupils must demonstrate consistent good behaviour and be able to represent the school respectfully and responsibly.
- Behaviour in class, during PE, and around the school will all be taken into account.

4.4 Attendance and Commitment

- Regular attendance at relevant training sessions or clubs may be considered when appropriate.

4.5 Event Restrictions

- Some organising bodies or events place limits on the number of pupils who may participate. Staff must follow these rules and make selections accordingly.
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5. Communication

- Once selections are made, pupils and parents/carers will be informed in advance of the event.
 - Staff will explain selection decisions to pupils when needed, in a constructive and supportive way.
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6. Safeguarding, Wellbeing and Safety

- Selected pupils must meet appropriate safeguarding and medical requirements.
 - Staff will ensure all pupils are safe, supported, and adequately prepared for events.
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7. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually by staff involved in PE and school sport to ensure it remains fair, inclusive, and appropriate for the needs of the school community.

