



Match Policy

This policy applies to the whole school including the EYFS.

It is our aim that every child will have the opportunity to represent the School in Years 3 to 6.

In football and cricket the boys in Year 5 and 6 are all mixed together and we call our team "Colts" whilst the boys in Years 3 and 4 are called "Mini Colts". This changes during the rugby season as the age groups cannot be mixed. The teams will be split by age group; U11, U10, U9 and U8. We then put out as many differentiated teams as we can. For the majority of the time, the girls play in the correct age group but we do select our strongest team possible when we enter tournaments and in some matches where we lead up to tournaments.

The main afternoon for matches for children in Year 5 and 6 is a Wednesday and a Thursday afternoon for children in Years 3 and 4. These match afternoons can alter depending on additional fixtures with other schools and their events. On occasions, fixtures will be played on a Saturday. These are usually tournaments or festivals organised by other schools.

We aim to involve as many children as possible when we have fixtures against another school but sometimes this is not always the case.

Staff

Paul Taylor	Head of Sport
Gemma Halford	Head of Girls' Games
Kirsty Evans	
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Games Programme

Year 2

Games for all pupils begin in Year 2. In Year 2 each pupil will take part in one games session each week which takes place on a Friday. The aim of the program is to introduce the skills of each of the games. The boys will play rugby, football, cricket and the girls will play netball and rounders.

Year 3-6

All pupils in Y5/6 will continue to do games three times per week whilst the children in Yr 3/4 will do games twice a week. The boys will compete in football, rugby, hockey, cricket, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, cross country and athletics. The girls will compete in hockey, netball, rounders, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, cross country and athletics.

Match expectation

It is our expectation that pupils will compete for the school unless injured or ill. If external clubs or activities are on a match day, please inform Mr Taylor or Miss Halford at the earliest possible opportunity. Pupils are to wear the appropriate clothing and have the correct equipment to compete in the match; this includes, protective items, warm clothes and a water bottle.

The sports staff will ensure the school, and parents are informed of any early or late arrivals from matches. There needs to be consideration taken for changes in time for festivals and tournaments depending on the results of the team.

Pupils must stay for the duration of the match, tournament and match tea unless a prior arrangement has been made with the sports department.

Selection Procedures

Selection of any team is done by the coach or coaches of that team and their decision is final and should be respected. How coaches select their teams depends on many factors, individual ability, depth of squad, size of year group, size of the team, physical ability and attitude. In most circumstances, changes in teams, and moving "up or down" a side will be communicated to the pupils. This will highlight to them reasons why and ways to improve.

All team selections will be posted on the school website and in the gym.

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