

Team Selection Policy

At Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary School, our sporting philosophy throughout the school is to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of PE, whether it is competitive or creative, individual or team based. We apply the School Games values of: respect, honesty, determination, teamwork, passion and self-belief to support pupils to develop behaviours, qualities and inter-personal skills that help and encourage them to play or participate in sports throughout their lives, bringing many proven benefits both physically and socially.

All pupils experience competitive and non-competitive sports internally at school; playing matches within lessons, participating in school intra/inter competitions and at wider sports events.

Since the introduction of the School Sports Premium, we have benefited from the ability to work in partnership with Avonreach Academy Schools, School Games and South Worcester School Sports Association. As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive) organised by these sports associations. We align our curriculum offer to enable pupils to learn and apply skills in their PE lessons and all the staff involved recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport and in some cases represent the school.

Selection for team events is based on:

- Level of skill demonstrated
- Level of fitness
- Understanding of games, tactics and rules
- Emotional maturity to cope with the pressure
- Performance, effort and behaviour in PE lessons and club practices
- Commitment to training and learning
- Attitude of the player on and off the field of play
- How the player presents themselves: manners, helpfulness, sportsmanship, etc.
- Performance of the player as a team player
- Enthusiasm to learn to improve
- Understanding of the importance of safety

For individual competition selection, for example: cross country, athletics, indoor athletics, all children participate in inter-house competitions. The pupils with the best results/times represent the school, as long as they also fulfil the criteria stated previously for 'team selection'

Role of Parents and Carers

We would like to thank parents and carers in advance for supporting us as follows:

- If your child is regularly chosen for a team, please help them to understand it is a privilege to represent the school and they should be proud of themselves.
- If your child is not chosen, encourage them to keep coming to practices and enjoy what they do; they are still part of the success of their teammates.

Parents, carers and spectators have a great influence on the children's enjoyment and success in sport. Children play sports first and foremost because they love playing. Norton Juxta Kempsey CE Primary is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport and as a foundation for developing skills and tactics for life.