



CRABTREE JUNIOR SCHOOL Team Selection Policy

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REVIEW RECORD

Name of Policy	Date of Review (term and year)
Team Selection	Autumn 2015
Staff Responsible for Review (e.g. Headteacher, Subject Leader)	Date Staff notified (via staff meeting or notice board)
Headteacher	December 2015
Date adoption recorded in Governing Body Minutes	Date of Next Review
	Autumn 2018

COPY OF POLICY KEPT IN POLICIES FOLDER IN SCHOOL OFFICE

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS	
Page/Clause Amended	Brief Details of Changes since last review

Role of School

Our PE policy throughout the school is to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of PE, whether it is competitive or creative, individual or team based. This helps them to play or participate in sports throughout their lives, which has many benefits both to their health as well as socially.

All pupils receive at least 2 hours per week of quality PE provision as part of the curriculum and experience competitive and non-competitive sport internally, playing many matches within lessons and sport events.

As with other curriculum areas, pupils' attainment and progress is carefully monitored to ensure that all pupils are developing appropriately. The school perceives inter-school sports as a means of extending pupils that demonstrate the requisite skills and qualities (discussed below) in this curriculum area.

As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive) and all staff involved recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport, in some cases representing 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 lessons and practices
- Commitment to training and learning
- Attitude of player on and off the field of play
- How the player presents themselves, dress, manners, helpfulness, sportsmanship, etc.
- Performance of the play as a team member
- Enthusiasm to learn and improve
- Understanding of the importance of safety

For individual competition selection, for example: cross country, athletics, and indoor athletics, the pupils attend training and trials. 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

We think our policy is equitable and would like to thank parents 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 with the club; they are still part of the success of their team mates.

Parents 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. Crabtree Junior School is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport and as a foundation for developing skills and tactics for life.

We believe that taking part in a club contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning matches. All our teams play to "win" but not at any cost, it is important to play in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere.

In order to achieve this result, we rely heavily on the parents and supporters who attend matches to behave in an appropriate manner and to support all the children in the right way.

This Policy has been devised in consultation with Hertfordshire County Council's PE consultant.