



Shine like Stars



LOWDHAM C of E PRIMARY

Sports Teams Policy

'Shine like stars' Philippians 2:15

Love others – "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Everyone join in – "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Always do your best – "Work at everything you do with all your heart." Colossians 3:23

Reach out – "Do to others as you want them to do to you." Luke 6:31

Never give up – "I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

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LOWDHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL: SPORTS TEAMS POLICY

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the selection of pupils for school sports teams is fair, transparent, and based on clear expectations. The school aims to encourage participation, commitment, and positive behaviour while providing opportunities for pupils to represent the school in a range of sporting competitions.

Selection Criteria

Pupils will be selected to represent the school in sports teams based on the following criteria: -

1. Performance and Merit

- Part of the selection process will be based on ability and performance demonstrated during training sessions and/or trial sessions and P.E lessons.
- Pupils who show any, or all of the following will be in contention for team selection: strong skills, effort, teamwork, or improvement.

2. Behaviour at School

- Pupils must demonstrate good behaviour both in lessons and around the school building.
- Those representing the school are expected to act as positive role models for their peers.
- Those children consistently put on the STEPs chart may not be allowed to compete in matches.

3. Attendance at School

- Regular school attendance is important. Pupils with consistently good attendance will be prioritised for team selection.
- Poor (unauthorised) attendance may affect eligibility to represent the school in matches.



4. Correct P.E. Kit

- Pupils are expected to attend P.E. lessons with the correct kit.
- Consistently bringing the appropriate P.E. kit shows readiness and commitment to sport and may influence selection decisions.

Commitment and Expectations

Pupils selected for school teams are expected to:

- Attend lunchtime training sessions regularly.
- Show respect to teammates, staff, opponents, and officials.
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship and represent the school in a responsible manner.

In team sports, consistency in team selection is very important. When players train and play together regularly, they develop understanding, communication, and teamwork. For this reason, staff may choose to keep a consistent core group of players for matches where possible. This helps the team build strong partnerships, improve performance, and compete effectively. However, opportunities will still be given for other pupils through some team rotation, training sessions/trails and performance in P.E lessons.

While the school aims to provide as many pupils as possible with the opportunity to represent the school, it is not possible to guarantee that every child will be selected to play in competitive matches. Team places are limited and selections must consider the needs and balance of the team. However, staff will make reasonable efforts, where possible, to rotate players or provide opportunities across the season so that more pupils can experience representing the school in competitive fixtures or in friendly matches.

Final Decisions

The final decision on team selection will be made by the member(s) of staff responsible for the sport. Decisions will be made in the best interests of the team while also promoting fairness and inclusion.

This policy will be reviewed every two years to ensure it continues to support fair opportunities and positive sporting experiences for all pupils.



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