



Claremont Primary School Sports Team Selection Process

Aims

The Sports Team Selection Process throughout the school aims to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of sport whether it is competitive, non-competitive, team, individual or creative. This consequently encourages participation for life, and will benefit health, well-being and increase social opportunities in the future. The aims are as follows:

1. Inspire a love of sport and of physical activity.
2. Raise the profile of Physical Education and sport across the school.
3. Increase participation and enjoyment in activity and sport.
4. Seek opportunities for as many pupils as possible to represent the school in a sporting event, club or activity over the year.
5. Ensure that the selection process is fair for all, by providing consistency.

Competitions

Over the year we are invited to take part in a variety of sporting events which are arranged with local schools or through the LATSP (formally TWKSSP). Some events are competitive whilst other are non-competitive.

For each event, the sport partnership provides us with a selection criterion. This is to ensure that **all** children are able to attend at least one sporting event throughout the year, which is tailored to their individual needs. For example: some events are catered to children with SEND; others are to engage children who are more reluctant to take part in sport; there are also events which are tailored to children working at Greater Depth, as well as providing a range of events aimed at boys, girls, mixed gender and a variety of age groups. When choosing children to take part in a sporting event, we think very carefully about this criterion before making a decision.

When your child is chosen to take part in a sporting event, you will receive an invitation via Evolve. This should only take a couple of minutes to complete asking you to state whether your child can attend the event or not. If your child is unable to attend it is important that you still let us know so we have more notice to fill the space.

There will be some occasions where children are invited to attend more than one event. This is due to needing to send a full team if we have any unexpected dropouts or due to the event criteria. Whilst we are very keen for all pupils to enjoy and be part of a sporting event or team, we also recognise our children's abilities in every subject and this is no different for PE, therefore we take this into consideration when choosing children for competitive events.

We do expect all children to demonstrate the same behaviours and values that we have in school at all our sporting events and clubs. This could be taken into consideration during the selection process.

We also take the following into account for each event:

The following criteria are applied:	
Competitive Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commitment to training and learning• Level of skill demonstrated• Level of fitness• Understanding of games, tactics and rules• Emotional maturity to cope with the competitive nature of these events• Level of competition

Non-Competitive Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority to those who have not participated in an event before • If all remaining children have already attended an event, names will be drawn out of a hat for any remaining children
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There may be occasions where we set up a trial for pupils to attend before being selected. These rarely happen, but if they do, it is due to the highly competitive nature of the event and that we want to select our strongest team.

When the opportunity presents itself, we seek to take more than one team to events so that more of the children who have trialled can attend. If your child is not chosen, please support them to continue to challenge themselves and to remain active.

The role of parents and carers

We are grateful for the high levels of support which parents and carers give to PE and Sport at Claremont. They have a considerable influence on the children’s enjoyment and success in physical activity and sport. We appreciate their attendance at the events and know that this means a great deal to the children. All parents are expected to always be polite and courteous and respect the rules of the competition taking the word or decision of the organiser as final.

Football

This year Claremont will be taking part in the Tunbridge Wells Football League which involves two boys’ teams of Year 5 and 6s representing Claremont. The PE Lead will liaise with schools in the league to arrange matches from Term 2 – Term 5. Football training will take place from 3.25pm to 4.30pm every Monday from Terms 1-4 to give the children time to practice as a team.

At the start of the year, a trial will take place to select our two strongest squads to represent Claremont in the A and B leagues we enter. If your child is chosen, they must be committed to taking part in the training sessions as mentioned above. If your child is ill on the day of training, please let the office know.

Our girls’ team is selected in a slightly different manner as less attend the club. A team of our strongest players will be selected by the PE Lead to participate in the league. If your child is not chosen, encourage them to keep coming to practices, keep improving and enjoy what they do with the club; it is important to develop teamwork skills and it is also an excellent way of keeping fit and healthy.