



Leighfield Primary School

Competitive Sports Selection Policy

Encouraging Sporting Behaviour, Inclusivity, and Growth

Introduction

At Leighfield Primary School, we are committed to fostering a love for sports and physical activity among our pupils. Competitive sports provide an excellent opportunity for children to develop their skills, build confidence, and demonstrate teamwork and sportsmanship. This policy outlines how we select pupils for competitive sports while maintaining inclusivity and engagement for all abilities.

Sports Teaching and Extracurricular Opportunities

Sports are an integral part of our curriculum and are taught within Physical Education (PE) lessons by our dedicated sports coach. In addition to lessons, we offer extra-curricular sporting clubs that align with the competition calendar organised by Rutland School Sports Partnership (RSSP). These clubs allow our children to further hone their skills and prepare for upcoming events.

Selection Policy for Competitive Sports

The selection of pupils for competitive sports teams is based on the following criteria:

- **Ability:** Pupils are considered based on their performance and aptitude for the sport. This is based on a combination of observation during lessons and clubs and through scores, times and measurements over a period of time leading up to the event.
- **Attitude:** A positive approach to practice, effort displayed in clubs and PE lessons, a commitment to improvement, and a willingness to work collaboratively are all essential qualities.
- **Behaviour:** Pupils must consistently follow school rules as they would be representing the school at events.
- **Sporting Behaviour:** Demonstrating respect towards teammates, opponents, and staff is a key factor in selection.

Inclusive Events and Opportunities

Throughout the academic year, we organise and participate in a variety of events designed to encourage inclusivity and engagement across a wide range of abilities. These include:

- KS1 Multisport Festival: A fun and engaging event tailored to the diverse abilities of our younger pupils.
- Boccia Competition: Promoting accessibility and participation for children of all physical abilities.
- KS2 School Games Sports Festival: A celebration of teamwork, skill development, and sportsmanship among older students.
- KS2 Girls Football Festival: A funded event organised within Rutland for girls of all abilities to come together for some skill development and fun games.
- Year 5/6 Girls Basketball Festival: An event organised to encourage girls to participate in basketball in a fun and non-competitive environment.
- Aqua Splash: A water-based event designed to inspire confidence and enjoyment in water activities.
- KS2 Rutland Cross Country: An opportunity for all children with a thirst for running to compete against other schools in Rutland.
- Year 6 Orienteering: A whole class event for children to compete against other local schools.
- E-Sports Tournaments

These events ensure that a wider range of children, regardless of their skill level, have the opportunity to participate and benefit from the joy of sports. We aim to provide at least 1 whole class sporting event for each class group from Year 2.

Within our competitive sports programme, where possible, we endeavour to take two teams to competitions. This approach offers more children the chance to participate and experience competitive play.