



2017-18 Sporting Events and Team Selection Protocol

Autumn 1 & 2 GB Sporting Events 2017-18		
Event	Date/Venue	Team(s)
Netball Yr 5/6 (WEP)	Wilmslow Academy or Ashdene (Wednesday nights 4pm) 21st Sept 4th Oct 18th Oct 8th March 22nd March	2 separate leagues
Football Yr 5/6 (WEP)	Lacey Green (Thursday 4pm) 28th Sept (Qualifiers) 5th Oct 12th Oct 27th Oct 7th March 21st March	2 separate leagues
Tag Rugby Y5&6 (Steve Saccro)	21st Sept 1:30-3:30 WHS	Y5&6 mixed team - 12 per squad
Yr5&6 Tag Rugby (RH)	6th Oct 12:30-3:30 Macc Rugby Club	Y5&6 mixed- 12 per squad

Little Champions Y1&2 (SS)	12th Oct at WHS 1:30-3:30 Festival	15 children
Change 4 Life festival (RH)	13th Oct at WHS 1:30-3:30	15 children
Yr 5/6 girls football tournament (SS)	16th Nov at WHS 1:30-3:30pm	7 a side Max 10 per squad
Year 5&6 Girls Football (RH)	24th Nov 12:30-4pm (TBC)	7 a side Max 10 per squad

School Sports Team Selection

At Gorsey Bank:

1. We encourage children to develop a passion for Physical Education and Sport to benefit their health and well being
2. We ensure that all pupils receive at least two hours per week of quality PE and Sport provision as part of the curriculum as well as a range of extra-curricular opportunities which may lead to inter-school events.

Pupil attainment and progress in Physical Education is carefully monitored to ensure that the skills of all pupils are developed appropriately. We participate in inter-school opportunities in order to extend the opportunities for pupils to demonstrate their skills and qualities.

We enter an annual schedule of matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non- competitive). All staff value an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience a range of sporting opportunities including those that result in representing the school. There will always be a limited number of places available which will be dependent on the tournament entered. When this happens, pupils will be given notice that trials are to take place and that the team will be selected on the basis of the outcome of those trials.

Selection for team events is based on:

- Performance, effort and behavior in both lessons and practices
- Level of skills demonstrated
- Commitment to training opportunities
- Enthusiasm to learn and improve
- Level of fitness
- Understanding of games, tactics and rules

- Attitude of player on and off the field of play
- How the player presents themselves, dress, manners, helpfulness and sportsmanship
- Performance as a team member

All pupils who wish to represent the school in a team event are eligible to take part in the trails as long as they fit the age criteria for the event.

In an ideal world, we would love to give every child the opportunity to represent the school in every competition that we enter. However, due to circumstances beyond our control (usually squad size restrictions or the staff available) this is not possible. The decision of which children to select is never an easy one and many conversations take place to ensure that choices are fair and just. We also have to consider the level of the competition that the team will be facing and select children accordingly.

Whenever numbers and rules allow, we will attempt to enter more than one team in a competition in order to allow as many children as possible to compete. Children who have not had an opportunity to represent the school at competition level but have regularly attended training sessions and displayed a sportsman like attitude will always be prioritised for any additional friendly fixtures we are able to arrange.

Help from Parents

We think our policy is equitable and would like to thank parents in advance for supporting us as follows:

- If your child is selected for a team please help them to understand that it is a privilege to represent the school and their place on the team should not be taken for granted, they may not be selected on a regular basis.
- If your child is not selected, please encourage them to keep coming to training sessions as they are still part of the success of their teammates. Having pride in their peers' performance is a valued behaviour regardless of whether they are in the team or not.

Parents and children also need to be aware that sometimes other children may be chosen to represent school to allow them to have these experiences as well.

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. Gorseley Bank is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport and as a foundation for developing skills and tactics for life. We believe that participating in tournaments and festivals contributes to a child's personal development and self-esteem which is much more important than winning. 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, to respect team selection and support decisions made by both staff and umpires/referees.