



# ST PETER'S

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## Team Selection policy

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## **Team Selection Policy**

Our aim and desire is for every child in Year 3 and above to represent the school in a competitive match, at least once, and as regularly as possible over the course of a term.

The selection at 'A' team level is made on the basis of ability and effort displayed during games lessons and team practices. We always aim to put out the very best 'A' team possible, so selection is entirely on merit.

Selection for other teams is aimed to allow as many pupils to play as possible. In order to fulfil this aim, we work hard to organise an extensive programme of fixtures. All pupils should therefore experience a match during the term, barring injury or safety reasons. Team lists are published in the Friday information letter. Following publication, teams will not be changed unless there is a situation where it is unavoidable (e.g. child illness will often mean a shuffle of team players / positions).

All pupils selected to play are expected to be available (including weekend fixtures), unless written notification is received (through a child's tutor) from a parent/guardian.

If parents have any queries with regard to selection, then it should be directed in person to the team manager /coach in the first instance, then to Director of Sport, Mr Matt Hyde, then Mrs Lucy Ball, Deputy Head of Teaching and Learning, finally Mrs Johnston, Head.

### **Pupils playing competitive fixtures out of their own year group**

If a pupil is considered to be particularly able by the school, then they are able to play up an age for an 'A' team, as long as it conforms to the rules of that sport's governing body. This also applies to a particularly able pupil in Year 2.

The school is obliged to follow the guidelines set out by a sport's governing body regarding age restriction.

When selecting our 'B' and 'C' sides, the school may play pupils up an age if it serves to achieve our aim of allowing as many pupils to play competitive fixtures as possible.

### **Match Day Procedure & Communication for Parents**

Team selection and match information for **ALL** teams [Under 8 to Under 13] will be posted on the Games' Notice Boards for pupils to check for themselves. This is situated in the Wessex Hall foyer. We speak to most children, most weeks, about the reasons for selection and ensure all pupils receive feedback about how to progress or maintain their selection status.

All match and team details can be found in the weekly information letter which is uploaded to the parent portal. If, for any reason, a match needs to be cancelled, parents will be contacted electronically by midday. Schoolbase emails and texts may also be used for communications. If there are any queries relating to a sporting fixture, parents should contact the School Office in the first instance.

Most fixture information (including school postcodes for away fixtures) can also be found in the school calendar, but this is subject to cancellation or change.

Please note:

Monday's Celebration newsletters are to celebrate the week's achievements. Friday's information letter contains all information for the following week's fixtures. Outside of school sporting celebrations can be shared with the school office and added to the weekly celebration letter.

Parents are always welcome to support matches; home or away. Children who have participated in a match on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon may go home with parents once they have changed and informed their team manager, tutor or the School Office. We expect all team members to stay until the visiting team have finished tea and left, unless there are special extenuating circumstances. This will be at the team manager's discretion. It is expected protocol for our pupils to attend match tea at away fixtures.

If a pupil is participating in an away fixture and that team are due to return to school after 17:00, school buses will continue to depart at the normal time. We ask parents to make alternative collection arrangements in cases where the team will be returning after 17:00.

We ask spectators from the school to support the teams positively from the touchline, encourage and acknowledge good play from both sides. We also expect spectators to respect all officials and players in the interest of promoting good sportsmanship.