

Old Dalby Church of England Primary School



Team Selection Policy

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Our Vision

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This is a promise that we, as a whole school, will educate children to be accepting, thoughtful and courageous. Our pupils will show kindness and love to everyone around them, our pupils will understand, accept and celebrate diversity, they will recognise injustices and speak up when they see them.

This will be achieved through a curriculum based on a skills progression of our eight Christian values.

We will ensure that the pupils build the skills to live our values. Our curriculum will provide knowledge of historical and current events to provide our children with context and understanding of the values. Children will learn to challenge what they see as an injustice and seek to right this. They will be ambitious, have the courage of their convictions and be empathetic to others. Through working closely with the local community and church, we will provide a warm, nurturing environment to foster ambition, curiosity, spirituality and love.

The following Governor Visits Policy is carried out within the context and spirit of the School's vision. It supports our vision and is supported by our acceptance and celebration of all children within our community as well as the ambition for improvement to ensure every child can reach their potential.

Role of School

Our aims for PE, sport and physical activity are to:

- Encourage children to enjoy all aspects of PE and sport, whether it is competitive or creative, individual or team based. This helps them to play or participate in sports and remain active throughout their lives, which has many benefits both to their health and well being as well as socially.
- Ensure that all pupils receive 2 hours per week of quality PE and sport provision as part of the curriculum and experience competitive and non-competitive sport internally, playing matches within lessons and at sports events.

As with other curriculum areas, pupils' attainment and progress is carefully monitored to ensure that the skills of all pupils are developed appropriately. The school perceives inter-school sports as a means of extending experience for pupils that demonstrate the necessary skills and qualities in the curriculum area.

As a school we enter many matches, festivals and tournaments (both competitive and non-competitive) and all staff involved recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport, in some cases representing the school, usually as part of a team.

In some instances, depending on the competition, there will be a limited number of places available. When this happens, we will select children to take part, based upon the following criteria:

- How many times a child has taken part in a sports competition so far this school year and how many more are they likely to attend this school year
- Whether the child has shown a particular interest in the sport; whether that is in lessons, during lunchtime activities, as part of after school club or attending outside clubs

- Whether that child has shown the Old Dalby values when playing, demonstrating a sports person like attitude to participating, effort, winning and losing

The school is committed to equality and inclusion, making sure that every child will attend suitable events throughout each school year.

Role of parents/carers

Parents/carers and other spectators have a big influence on the children's enjoyment and success in sport. We want children to play sport because they love participating above all else. Old Dalby C of E Primary School is committed to nurturing their enjoyment and enthusiasm for sport and as a foundation for developing skills for life.

In order to achieve this, parents/carers, can support the school as follows:

- Help children to understand that it is a privilege to represent the school, that they should enjoy the experience and demonstrate our values, regardless of outcomes.
- If your child is not chosen, help them to understand that they will have other opportunities and that staff do their best to give everyone an opportunity to participate.
- Not contacting staff outside of school or through unofficial/informal means to question decision.

Parents that attend sports events as spectators are required to behave in appropriate manner, respecting the school staff, their instructions and the school's vision and values.