



School Sports Team Selection Protocol 22-23

At Cheadle Hulme Primary School: we inspire and nurture all children to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. We ensure that all pupils receive at least two hours per week of quality PE/ Sport provision as part of the curriculum. We offer a range of extra-curricular opportunities as part of the Stockport SHAPES Alliance. This is a termly schedule of non-competitive inter-school opportunities for a range of sports. These events allow opportunities for **all** pupils to participate whilst they are with us. All staff value an inclusive approach that enables as many pupils as possible to experience a range of sporting opportunities to represent the school.

On top of this, we as a school will enter competitive inter-school competitions, matches and tournaments. There will always be a limited number of participants depending on the event. 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 along with a discussion with their class teacher as their input is based on their PE lessons or a coach if there has been coaching for a particular sport. Selection for team events is based on:

- Effort, sportsmanship, performance, and behaviour in both lessons, practices and team trials
- Enthusiasm to learn and improve
- Performance as a team member
- Understanding of games, tactics and rules
- Attitude of player before, during and after the event

All pupils who wish to represent the school in a team event are eligible to take part in the trials 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 competitive event that we enter, however this is not always 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.

Help from Parents

We believe 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 future trial 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. Cheadle Hulme Primary School 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 these inter-school events 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.