

## **Great Crosby Catholic Primary School Sport Philosophy & Team Selection**

The purpose of this policy is to detail the vision, philosophy, structure and framework, which form the basis of how our Great Crosby's teams are selected.

### **Vision**

To promote, foster and develop sport for all in Great Crosby, creating a fun, safe and inclusive culture which inspires a lifelong love of sport. Creating opportunities, inspiring change and helping children fulfil their potential in and out of the classroom. Serving children through sport and education.

### **Philosophy**

The physical education policy at our school is to encourage children to enjoy all aspects of sport, whether it is competitive, creative and individual or team based.

Sport activities help pupils develop skills in physical activity and teamwork, build self-esteem and develop social skills.

As a school, we recognise the need to work towards an inclusive approach that allows as many pupils as possible to experience competitive sport and in some cases this will mean representing the school in competitions and inter-school events.

We would like every pupil to play in every event, however in many events this is not possible where restrictions in pupil numbers, number of teams, staffing numbers etc. have to be considered.

We also recognise the need that as well as trying to provide as many opportunities for all abilities as we can, we need to provide opportunities for those pupils who excel at sport.

Where possible and if the type of event permits, we will try to field as many teams or pupils wishing to participate. Where selection is for a competitive event, we feel it is unfair to select pupils who we feel are not yet ready to participate at the required level. Team selection will be based on the guidelines below.

### **Selection for all competitive/ non- competitive team events is based on:**

- Level of technical skills demonstrated
- Performance, effort and behaviour in lessons and practice
- Attendance at practice sessions, lunchtime/after school clubs

- Commitment to training and learning both in the classroom and in training sessions
- Attitude of the pupil both on and off the field e.g. sportsmanship, manners, conduct
- Understanding of the importance of safety
- Ability to cope with participation at the event
- Enthusiasm to learn and improve

**Selection guidelines where participant numbers are restricted:**

- Our experienced and professional staff will use their expertise to select the most appropriate team
- In individual competitive events e.g. cross country, athletics then the pupils with the best results/ times will represent school as long as they fulfil the criteria above
- In team events where only one team is permitted, pupils fulfilling the criteria above in addition to those demonstrating the highest ability will be selected

**Role of Parents:**

Taking part in a sports event and representing school at any level is something for your child to be proud of, if they are chosen regularly for team participation, please help them to understand this is a privilege. If your child is not selected as frequently, encourage them to continue to attend practice and sports clubs to enjoy their participation in sport and encourage each other.

At Great Crosby we are proud of are proud of fostering our 'learning together' philosophy and behaviours that support this. We support and encourage our teams/ individuals selected to do give best and aspire to win and we encourage parents/ spectators who attend events to assist in ensuring our teams play in the right spirit, support their peers and demonstrate respect and sportsmanship to their own team and competitors.