



All things are possible for one who believes. Mark 9:23



WAVERLEY ABBEY C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Selection for Competitive sports teams/ events/ tournaments

Sport is very emotive and evokes plenty of opinions. Everyone has a view about who should be representing the school and in what position they should be playing in. However, the team selection must always be that of the teacher/ coach, who has the best interest of the team (and the school) at heart. Competitive sport is very visual in that we usually get an opportunity to watch the children, which is fantastic. No other subject is on show in this way.

Life is about ups and downs - sometimes winning, sometimes losing. Resilience is something that is very important in life and a skill that all children need to learn. Much as we would love to include all children; in a school this size, there will always be some left feeling disappointed. Bouncing back after a setback is crucial and an attribute that all competitive sportsmen and women must master.

Ultimately, we will do our best to manage the situation at school. However, if your son or daughter has not been selected for a team they will undoubtedly be influenced by your reaction. Therefore, please try and make sure your response is a positive one - even if you are also disappointed for them.

Team Selection

In most situations, the school will field their most competitive team in each age group, and selection will be entirely down to the discretion of the member of staff supervising that team. Inevitably there will be children who will be disappointed at their lack of inclusion on a regular basis. However, the school does try and enable all children to represent Waverley Abbey at some point over their time with us. We have many celebration events throughout the year and in these the aim is always to promote competitive sport to those who have not have yet competed in other events. We also ensure sport is a regular part of our house competitions which ensures a great many have the opportunity to represent their house in a number of sports matches.

In Summary

Every child in the school has the opportunity to play sport competitively within their PE/ Games sessions and every effort is made to ensure the children are given a fair chance of selection when we compete against other schools. Overall, it must be stressed that good sportsmanship, good conduct and a sense of fair play are more important to the school than winning. Ultimately, we want all our children to be leading active, healthy lives and living out our school values including those of compassion towards others (and themselves) and hope.

