



SPORTS POLICY

Including Early Years Foundation Stage

STATEMENT OF AIMS

1. Pupils should be encouraged to undertake a suitable range of sports and other physical extra curricular activities so as to enhance their enjoyment of physical activity both in the short and long term.
2. The provision of a range of sports should not be so great as to prevent some pursuit of excellence nor so narrow as to lose sight of the primary aim.
3. An appropriate balance should be maintained between sport/other extra curricular activities and academic work. Any problems should be referred to the Headteacher.
4. Fixtures should be such that the internal or external fixtures arranged match the abilities and needs of the pupils.
5. Sports and activities should be run so as to enhance the development of physical skills, and encourage ethical and social development. Cup fixtures should be taken into consideration when planning the term's programme.
6. Priority will be given to Years 4 and 6 in the selection of teams for the Under 9s and First/ Second team. Our main aim is to involve all pupils in sport whilst still stretching the most able. In order to ensure teams are competitive and that we are stretching the most able, pupils from lower age groups might be used in fixtures.
7. If fixtures occur during a games afternoon as much attention will be given to the arrangements for those not involved in matches as those playing for the teams.
8. If pupils are taken out of lessons to play fixtures because they are particularly able, arrangements will be made for them to catch up on work missed. On such occasions pupils should miss as little lesson time as possible.
9. Budgets for sports will be adjusted to reflect a unitised approach – that is in very broad terms budget size will depend on pupil numbers/pupils hours involved. Capital expenditure will be assessed separately.
10. The Heads of Sport should ensure that necessary equipment is, as a priority, maintained in a safe state and kept in good repair. They should be mindful of the total appearance, as well as the quality, of their sport and will be responsible for monitoring and maintaining the risk assessments.
11. Pupils' achievements should be regularly reported to the school, enhancing individual and activity status. Relevant information should be included in reports to parents.
12. Staff training in sports first aid should be arranged at regular intervals. Heads of Support should endeavour to make appropriate first aid support available.

13. An up to date record of pupils' health problems should be available to those taking sports. Staff should be encouraged and assisted to acquire appropriate qualifications in their sports and activities where that is deemed to be effective in enhancing safety and/or the development of pupils' skill.
14. The sports committee (Headmaster, Deputy Head, DoS, Heads of Boys & Girls Sport and Coaching Staff) should be convened by the Headteacher each term.
15. The introduction of Games Club in the Infants should be used to introduce our youngest pupils to skills for the principle team sports.

FIXTURES

1. A register of present fixtures is to be compiled before the end of the previous term.
2. Fixtures will be reviewed and an appropriate number agreed for each sport and age group. Measures will also be taken to ensure a fair balance of home and away fixtures.
3. The arrangements of any additional fixtures outside this list must be sanctioned by the Headmaster. He will bear in mind the disruption to other school events and academic work. The Heads of Sport must ensure that supporting staff are arranged well ahead of time to avoid any last minute requirements.
4. The Sports co-ordinator should liaise so as to maximise transport efficiently.
5. The College should aim to adjust, in good time, its fixture list in the light of the number of suitable pupils available for its sports.
6. The College should aim to be playing schools with whom we can maximise the efficiency of our resource use.
7. Parents will be notified of any fixtures that fall outside of normal school hours well in advance to allow them to make travel arrangements.
8. Fixtures should not be arranged which interfere with revision of major external exams (i.e. Saturday before exam week) or just before batches of external exams.
9. A central record of all fixtures will be held by the Heads of Sport. This record is to include all travel arrangements including contact number for coach firms etc. and details of cancellation arrangements.
10. A central map register of fixtures and venues is to be established and held by the Heads of Sport.
11. Heads of Sport should be aware of the likelihood of a change in allocation and must allow for this in their fixtures booking arrangements.
12. A major aim of our sports and activities is to enhance the reputation of the school. The appropriate clothing (as approved by the school) must be worn for all matches. This is to include the full range of our sports and activities.
13. The prestige value of fixtures (at a local or national level) should be carefully considered without prejudicing major aims; fixtures should be arranged so as to assist in attracting pupils to Plymouth College.

14. The Heads of Boys' and Girls' Sport should ensure suitable travel arrangements are made for sports fixtures.

CONDUCT OF MATCHES

1. Teams' results and exceptional performances should, where appropriate, be filled in on the results form.
2. Team sheets, listing pupils and staff involved and including travel arrangements and estimated times of return must be left with the school office before departure.
3. The ordering of appropriate meals (games teas, packed lunches etc) should be the responsibility of the Heads of Sport. All costs will be charged to the sports budget concerned (appropriate figures need to be worked out in consultation with the Finance Director). Heads of Sports to check totals provided.

PRACTICE

1. Heads of Sports should try to organise practices appropriate to their sports' requirements.
2. Pupils will not be permitted to practise in clothing which is not approved by the school. While being fully aware of the need to avoid damage to match sports gear it must be remembered that care must be taken to avoid damaging the school's reputation.
3. The frequency and intensity of practice should not place undue strain on pupils or staff and should not have a significantly damaging impact on pupils' academic work.
4. Infant sports clubs should help introduce basic skills for the major team sports. Unofficial sports (e.g. football) not to be played near official practice sessions.

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

1. The grounds (weather permitting) are to provide adequate for the college sports and an area for recreation and play.
2. The ground staff are under the direct control of the Operations Director. Heads of Sport should communicate directly with the school Groundsman who will liaise with the contractors. In the event of the situation still being unsatisfactory, refer to the Headmaster or Operations Director.
3. Heads of Sports should take responsibility for the safety of the grounds and facilities in relation to their sport and any irregularities should be reported in writing to the sports co-ordinator.

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