



# Holly Lodge Competition Levels Policy

A clear pathway to help clarify the level of competitions



At Holly Lodge we aim to provide a wide range of sporting opportunities to support enjoyment and engagement in P.E., as well as encourage excellence and competition. All participants are expected to demonstrate the *Active School Games Values* (pictured above) in conjunction with our own Holly Lodge REACH values.

There is a clear pathway we follow in the PE and Sports Department which assists with :

- Talent ID through to County Finals Competitions
- Club exit routes for those interested in developing their skills
- Increasing the level of engagement for participation and non-competitive opportunities

## Inspire Events

**Events specifically targeted at the least active/engaged: taster sessions encourage children to try something new and are low level competitions/festivals.**

- Selection: Children may sign up to take part in open and unlimited events.  
At events with limited places, children are invited to participate by the sports coach.

## Aspire Events

**Competitions targeting the semi-sporty. These events can include festivals, leagues and tournaments.**

- Selection: By invitation of Sports Coach. Places are limited. Selection is based on the *Active Schools Games Values*, (demonstrated through: class PE lessons, school club participation, attendance at previous "Inspire" events and demonstration of ability/progress). Behaviour and attitudes are taken into account in PE Lessons. Space limitations mean you may not always get chosen but always show interest for consideration for future events. There is no guaranteed choice of event or playing position.

## Higher Events

**Competitions for the most engaged/active and/or higher attaining children. These events are often pathways to county finals so these events are aimed at the children who can compete at the highest level available.**

- Selection: By invitation of the Sports Coach only: through trials, observations in PE lessons/school clubs. Sometimes teams will be picked in advance of age groups and trained ready to compete when they meet the age for relevant competition. A high level of commitment at training sessions is expected.

At Holly Lodge Primary we are committed to ensure as many children as possible are given the opportunity to enjoy and embrace PE and sports to the best of their abilities. The decision of the Sports Coach is final in all selection for participation. We recognise that due to space limitations, there may be times when children may not be selected even though they meet criteria for selection, but where possible we aim to provide alternative opportunities for participation at different events. When competing in sporting events, participants are acting as ambassadors for Holly Lodge. We reserve the right to withdraw a place at an event for a child who does not demonstrate the *Active School Games Values*.