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St. Thomas' CE Primary School

Enrichment Policy

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Aims of our Enrichment Clubs

At St. Thomas' we are committed to improving the performance, well-being and life chances of all children. Therefore, we offer all pupils an inclusive opportunity to join an after school club. We offer a wide range of after school clubs across

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 which contribute to the pupils' social, emotional and educational skills.

Children will:

- Have a greater understanding of health and fitness.
- Be encouraged to opt for physical activities thus leading to a healthier lifestyle.
- Learn and develop new interests, skills and talents eg. singing, computing, drama.
- Show a desire to improve and achieve through their abilities and aspirations.
- Develop the appreciation of the concept of fair play, team play, honest competition and good sportsmanship.
- Understand self-practice and develop a sense of responsibility.
- Improve self-esteem through physical competence and learning new skills.

Activities available and the selection process

The school provides excellent extra-curricular activities for example, mixed and girls' football, dodgeball, choir, multiskills and computing. Different clubs are offered on a termly basis either by staff or specialists who comply with safeguarding regulations.

Extra-curricular letters are sent home each term showing the various clubs on offer and how many sessions they will last for. Parents/carers need to select which club (s) they would like their child to attend and ensure that they are committed to attending this on a weekly basis. If a pupil misses a club for two consecutive weeks, except for illness, then they will lose their place to someone else.

Places will be offered based on the club's suitability to the age range. They will be given on a rota basis, to ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend the club of their choice. Pupil Premium children are given priority to attend a club and there is a waiting list for any that are oversubscribed. Parents/carers will be notified via text if their child has been offered a place and class teachers will also be informed so they can let their pupils know.

Inter and Intra School Competitions

At Acacias we believe it is important for all children to be given the opportunity to participate in competitive sport, through both intra and inter school sports competitions. The school aims to introduce children to a range of sporting activities and to encourage them to appreciate how such interests can "enrich" their lives and help them to develop healthy lifestyles.

Behaviour

Pupils are expected to follow the school's behaviour policy, listen to the club leaders, be respectful and follow instructions. Failure to do so will lead to them being excluded from a club and their place offered to someone else.

Health and Safety

All school clubs operate under the school's health and safety guidelines. The club coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all club leaders have attendance registers to ensure that all children are accounted for in the event of an emergency or fire alarm. They are responsible for setting up each club's emergency contact and providing suitable cover if the designated person is unavailable. The club coordinator will also inform club leaders if there are any

children with health needs in their club and who the first aider is on site and where they can be found.

It is the pupil's responsibility to attend clubs with the correct clothing and footwear, failure to do so will lead to them not taking part. Parents/carers should be aware where and when to collect their children after the club has finished and if a club has to be cancelled then they will be informed by telephone or text as soon as possible.

Safeguarding

All classroom teachers are provided with up to date lists of which children attend which clubs. At the end of the school day, the teaching assistant will ensure the correct children are sent to the appropriate club where they will be greeted by the club leader and an attendance register will be taken. Club leaders are also informed of which children are permitted to walk home alone. Parents need to complete and sign this on the after school club letter. All the club leaders are aware of the procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns and a member of the designated safeguarding team is on site whilst clubs are in progress. All external club leaders are Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked.