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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some queries about our school games opportunities, and wish to share the following information with you all.

Throughout the year and through our local sports partnership, we are offered the opportunity to participate in a range of different sporting events both within and outside of school. Below, we have outlined the types of events we participate in as well as how children are selected to participate. Our aim when selecting children is to ensure that all children can experience sport in a way that suits their interests, abilities, and developmental needs, as well as ensuring they want to participate in the event they have been selected for. Mrs Newman and Mr Pearce have an online portal to keep track of who has been invited to which events at Greenleas. Our aim is that all children have been invited to at least 1 event by the end of Key Stage 2.

Events are grouped into three categories: **Compete**, **Develop**, and **Play**. We are invited to around 13 events over the course of the year. For four of these events (Tennis, Football, Tag Rugby and Sports Hall Athletics), schools have the choice to take part at a competitive level.

### **1. Compete**

These events are designed for children who:

- Show a high level of skill or quality in a particular sport.
- Thrive in competitive environments.
- Play for a sports team outside of school or have regular training and experience.
- Children are asked if they would like to participate, and selection is based on their ability and readiness to compete at a higher level.
- These events are highly competitive, and so the children need to enjoy this type of environment to enjoy these events.
- We often use PE lessons and sports activities to identify which children excel in particular areas to compete for the school under this category i.e. the fastest runners, the children who can throw the furthest.
- We are usually given around 8-10 spaces for the whole of the key stage.

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## 2. Develop

These events are for children who:

- Enjoy sport and show potential in a specific area.
- Have demonstrated enthusiasm and effort in PE lessons.
- May benefit from a more competitive environment to help them grow.
- These events are a great opportunity for children to build confidence and develop their skills further.
- These events can still be competitive, but often do not have any winners or qualification rounds.

## 3. Play

These events are focused on:

- Providing a fun and inclusive sporting experience.
- Allowing children to try different sports and activities in a non-competitive setting.
- Encouraging participation without pressure or performance expectations.
- These events are ideal for children who enjoy being active and want to explore sport in a relaxed and supportive environment.

## Additional Opportunities

**Targeted Lunch Clubs:** Through our sports partnership, we offer a range of targeted lunchtime clubs. Children may be invited to attend these based on their interests, needs, or potential in a particular sport. These clubs provide additional opportunities for skill development and enjoyment.

**Year 4 Play Leader Training:** All Year 4 children receive **Play Leader training** during the first half of the autumn term. This programme equips them with the skills to lead and support activities for younger children at lunchtimes. It helps develop **teamwork, confidence, leadership, and core values** such as respect and responsibility.

## Things we have to consider when selecting children:

- Many events have limited spaces, often allowing only 8 children to participate. As a result, not every child can take part in every event.
- We ask the children who would like to participate and then make selections based off interest as well as the type of event as described above.
- When more children express interest than there are spaces available, we use a fair draw system to select participants or offer them an alternative sport to participate in.
- Children are always consulted before being entered into an event to ensure they are happy and willing to participate.

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- We are committed to ensuring that by the end of Key Stage 2, every child will have been offered the chance to take part in at least one event, if they wish to do so. This may not necessarily be their first choice of sport, but it will be one of the event types as described above.
- We also have to consider gender, as many of the events are limited to a certain number of males and females.

### **Parent Responsibilities for events to run smoothly:**

- We kindly ask all parents and carers to read event details carefully, including dates, times, locations, and any specific requirements.
- Ensure children are collected promptly at the designated time and location after the event. Staff often have commitments after events or need to return to school.
- Any borrowed kit is returned promptly so that staff can collate this and/or prepare it for future events.
- Parents encourage and uphold the school values at all events as well as to promote our school games values of teamwork, determination, honesty, respect, passion and self-belief.

We hope this helps clarify how we approach sporting opportunities at school and what varying opportunities we can offer the children.

Yours sincerely,

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