

TGMS Parent Crib Sheet: How We Select Pupils for Competitive Tournaments and Clubs



At TGMS, we are proud of the passion, teamwork and sportsmanship our pupils show in all areas of school life. Whether representing the school in a competition or taking part in a club, our aim is to balance **inclusion, opportunity and excellence**, giving every child the chance to take part while also preparing our most competitive teams to perform at their best.

Our Guiding Principles

- **Every child deserves a chance to shine.**
We make sure that all pupils have the opportunity to try out, practise or take part in sessions before selection. This might include PE lessons, lunchtime or after-school clubs, or dedicated practice games.
- **Fairness and flexibility matter.**
If a child misses a trial or practice because of an authorised absence, we will offer an alternative opportunity where possible.
- **Selection is a professional decision.**
The teacher or coach in charge will make best-effort decisions based on:
 - **Aptitude** – skill and understanding of the game or activity
 - **Confidence** – ability to apply those skills under pressure
 - **Ability** – current performance level in lessons, clubs or practices
 - **Attitude** – teamwork, effort, sportsmanship and reliability
- **Teams are built to compete — and to represent our values.**
We aim to create the most competitive team possible, while ensuring pupils uphold the **TGMS Terrific Learners** ethos: showing **resilience, respect, and responsibility** both on and off the field.

What This Means in Practice

- We do our best to rotate opportunities across the year so that a wide range of pupils can represent TGMS in different sports or events.
- Sometimes, limited places mean that not every child can take part in a particular tournament. We know this can be disappointing, but pupils are encouraged to keep practising, showing a great attitude, and taking every opportunity to develop.
- Coaches will always explain selections positively and encourage pupils to persevere — a key TGMS Terrific Learner quality.

Our Shared Goal

We want every child to:

- **Feel proud** to represent TGMS in any capacity.
- **Understand** that selection is never personal, but based on fairness, readiness and team balance.
- **Be inspired** to improve, show sportsmanship and enjoy being active for life.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create confident, kind and resilient TGMS learners — on the pitch, in the hall, and beyond.