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The purpose of this document is to explain how our St Monica's representative teams are selected.

We want every child to play in every event. However, this is not possible where restrictions in pupil numbers, number of teams, and staffing numbers are a problem.

We also recognise that as well as trying to provide as many opportunities for all abilities as possible, we need to provide opportunities for those pupils who excel at a sport. Where possible and if the type of event permits, we will try to field as many teams or pupils wishing to participate.

Where selection is for a competitive event, we feel it is unfair to select pupils who we feel are not yet ready to participate at the required level. Team selection guidelines are as follows.

### **Selection for all competitive/non-competitive team events:**

- School attendance and behaviour.
- Attendance and behaviour at school practice sessions/games; including attitude and effort
- Sporting maturity in practice and games:
  - Encourages teammates
  - Does not question decisions by the officials
  - Accepts the 'managers' decision regarding position and substitutions
  - Accepts results appropriately
- Level of ability demonstrated

### **Selection guidelines where participant numbers are restricted:**

- Our experienced and professional staff will use their expertise to select the most appropriate team.
- In individual competitive events, e.g. cross country, and athletics, the pupils with the best results/ times will represent the school if they fulfil the above criteria.
- In team events where only one team is permitted, pupils fulfilling the criteria above and those demonstrating the highest ability will be selected.

### **Role of Parents and Carers**

Taking part in a sports event and representing the school at any level is something for your child to be proud of; if they are chosen regularly for team participation, please help them to understand this is a privilege. If your child is not selected as frequently, encourage them to continue to attend practice and sports clubs to enjoy their participation in sports and encourage each other.

