

Buckland Primary School
School Sports Code of Conduct

The extra-curricular sports clubs and competitions organised by Buckland Primary School for their pupils should be viewed as an extra lesson organised for the pupils by their teacher. It is an opportunity for them to:

- a) Learn more about a specific sporting activity
- b) Develop their own personal skills so that they can participate at a higher level;
- c) Understand and appreciate the laws governing that particular sport.

Rules that would apply to any school based activity will also apply to activities organised both during and after school. Pupils should realise that the activities and competitions organised are designed to make them individually and collectively better sports people.

Buckland Primary School firmly believe that all activities organised are designed to:

- a) Develop high levels of sporting skills
- b) Develop a sense of fair play
- c) Provide equal opportunities for all pupils
- d) Encourage maximum participation for pupils and schools

In order that pupils enjoy participating in both extra-curricular sports clubs and inter-school competition we have drawn up a code of conduct – levels of expectations for all those involved with such activities. Hopefully this code will enable all children, when competing to do so within the laws of the game and to their maximum potential – without the presence of exceedingly high expectations from adults linked to the team/sport. We should all always remember that children play school organised sport for fun and enjoyment. They are not playing for the entertainment of the spectators. We must also realise they are not miniature professionals.

Players Code of Conduct

- Enjoy the game/competition
- Play by the rules and never argue with the match officials
- Ensure school rules are always followed
- Control your temper
- Work equally hard for yourself and the team, your teams performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport; applaud all good play whether it is by your team, or by your opponents.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself, do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your teacher/coach, team mates and opponents – without them there would be no match.
- Don't question referee's/umpires decision.
- Be a good ambassador for your school
- Always thank the opposition (team/player) and the officials after the game/competition

Spectators/Parents Code of Conduct

- Focus upon the child's effort and performances rather than the overall result. This assists the Child in setting some realistic goals, relating to their ability, by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach the children an honest effort is as important as victory, so the result of the game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage the children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing the game.
- Remember the children want to play the game for their own enjoyment not yours.
- Remember children learn best from example, applaud all play.
- Support all efforts to remove physical and verbal abuse from sport.
- Applaud good performances and the efforts of each team; congratulate all players on their performances, regardless of the match result.
- Condemn the use of violence and foul language in any form, be it by spectators or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents – without them, there would be no game.
- Don't question publicly official's judgement or their honesty.
- Recognise the value of teachers and officials. They give up their own time and resources to provide guidance and opportunities for your child/children.
- Set an example in how to behave in a way that your own children may wish to emulate.

Failure to comply with our expectations and Code of Conduct may result in individuals being asked to leave the field of play and/or venue.

I, Class..... agree to abide by following the Buckland primary School Sports Code of Conduct when participating in School sports.

I understand that if I break the code I may not be able to continue to play in any sport as a consequence of my actions

Student's signature.....

Parent/guardian signature.....