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Sports Competitions

Dear parents / carers,

Eccleston Mere prides itself on the sporting opportunities provided to all children. In school, we have specialist coaches, delivering in a range of areas, to help in developing and nurturing the sporting talent we have across school.

We aim to give all children as many opportunities to represent school at sporting competitions. We subscribe to the SHAPES Enhanced Package which enables us to enter up to 40 competitions across the academic year. These competitions cover a wide range of sports and are categorised into three "intents".

1. **Celebration Events** are focused on fun and enjoyment of participants to encourage participation with recognition of their efforts and engagement.
2. **Inspire Events** develop sport specific skills and increase motivation within the sport as well as foster social connections.
3. **Aspire Events** are competitive and provide recognition of participants for their sporting performance.

All teams are selected by Mr Helsby (PE Lead) and class teachers. Where Mr Gilchrist, our sports coach, has delivered PE lessons, his view may also be sought. As **Celebration and Inspire Events** are non-competitive, we aim to select children who haven't had the opportunity to represent school, or those who would like to participate in a competition without the pressure of a competitive environment.

As **Aspire Events** are competitive, teams are selected based on sporting ability shown in PE lessons, or lunchtime sports.

There is always a limit on the size of the team that can be chosen for each competition. This can be as many as 18 for an athletics event, but also as small as 4 for a hockey event. We recognise that this may cause disappointment if your child is not chosen for a competition, but efforts will always be made to ensure they are selected for another event in the future.

Kind regards,

Mr Helsby
PE Subject Lead

