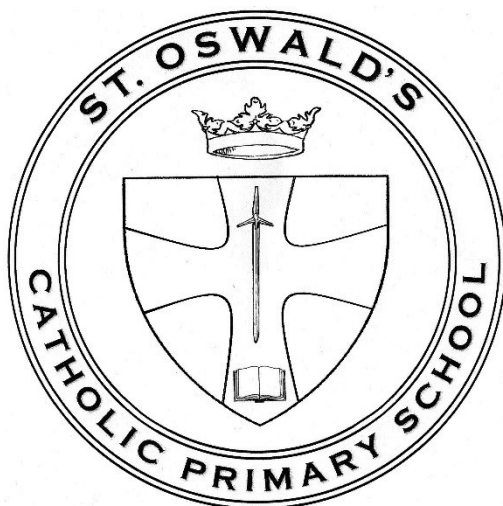


St Oswald's Catholic Primary School



Extra-Curricular Clubs and Children's University Policy

2023-2024

Approved by:	Approval date	Renewal date

This Exclusion Policy is set within the context of the whole school aims and mission statement:



*Together with Jesus,
We will Learn and Grow in Faith*

Purpose

This policy outlines the purpose, nature and management of extra-curricular clubs delivered in St. Oswald's C. Primary School. The policy reflects the work of the teaching staff and has been compiled by the extra-curricular club co-ordinator in discussion with staff and S.M.T. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the extra- curricular club coordinator and all teaching staff.

Philosophy

We encourage all pupils to take part in a range of clubs and involve them in deciding the clubs we offer. Our school strives to maximise opportunities for children, young people and all those associated with the school. This includes the curriculum, environment and wider community.

Aims

By encouraging extra-curricular activities, we intend to:

- Enable pupils to have fun and enjoy a broad range of activities
- Enable pupils to extend their enjoyment of particular areas of learning through more in-depth study and activity
- Develop social skills by encouraging pupils to develop friendships, and work together co-operatively
- To provide opportunities for competition and creativity within a game/ performance scenario and build the competitive nature of the children within our school by developing competitions across the school and within the community.

Application Process

Parents/carers are invited to apply for clubs a term in advance via the school's online app Weduc and are guaranteed a minimum of one after school club per term. Additional places for after school clubs may be allocated depending on demand. Clubs will change each half term to ensure a wide variety of opportunities throughout the school year.

Extra- Curricular club procedures

After school clubs run by school staff will be at the discretion of the extra-curricular club coordinator in collaboration with the head teacher. Parents will be informed of timings and

options. These clubs run until 4.00pm and are not chargeable. Activities provided by outside providers will be at the discretion of the extra-curricular club coordinator in collaboration with the head teacher. If an extra-curricular club is cancelled, office staff should be informed as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to contact parents.

Equal opportunities

At St Oswald's Catholic Primary School we strive to provide opportunities for all children, whatever their ability or individual needs. The extra-curricular club coordinator will liaise with both the LAC and PP lead in the school to ensure targeted children have priority over clubs.

Competitions

At St Oswald's C. Primary School children are given the opportunity to compete in intra school competitions to earn a place in an inter school competition run by the LSSP and THE LDSCA. Extra-curricular clubs that we provide are focused to enable children to compete and allow children the opportunity to prepare for competitions.

Children's University

At St Oswald's Catholic Primary School, we are also involved in the Children's University. The Children's University is an International charity which encourages all children aged 5 to 14 years to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills through participation in Learning Activities outside of the school day. Learning Activities are designed to:

- raise aspiration, self-esteem & confidence
- encourage curiosity and a love of learning
- enhance motivation and build resilience
- introduce new life experiences
- offer progression in learning and personal skills development

The children earn credits for each session that they attend a club provided in our school. The credits build up throughout their time at our school and go towards achieving different awards – bronze, silver and gold levels, depending on the number of hours of learning achieved. Children will then take part in a graduation ceremony where their hard work and effort will be celebrated.

Staff Roles and Responsibilities

All teaching staff have a responsibility to deliver an extra-curricular club for a minimum of six weeks (one half-term). All teaching staff have a responsibility for their own CPD through identification of areas for development and attendance of courses to further improve skills and confidence in delivering extra-curricular clubs. The extra-curricular club coordinator in collaboration with the head teacher will liaise with teaching staff to identify skills and strengths that can be provided through extra-curricular clubs in order to allow children to experience new opportunities and develop new skills. The extra-curricular club coordinator in collaboration with the head teacher will also ensure sufficient club coverage and opportunities for all year groups.

Health and Safety

Please refer to the school's health and safety policy and risk assessment file. Use of any external personnel including sports coaches and volunteers will be in line with the school's policy on CRB/staffing checks.