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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICY

This policy on *Extra-Curricular Activities*, is designed to provide guidance for the development, implementation and monitoring of extra-curricular activities at Newton British Academy.

Aims of Extra-Curricular Activities

- to provide activities which teach the values of cooperation as well as the spirit of competition
- to provide opportunities that develop pride, and interest in, and appreciation for the school
- to provide opportunities for pupils to develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially
- to teach self-discipline and good sportsmanship through competition
- to teach sound health habits and safety techniques in all sports and extracurricular activities

Newton British Academy (NBA) considers pupil involvement in extracurricular activities to be a valuable part of a school's education programme. This policy ensures that:

- a programme and process is in place for extra-curricular activities
- there is consistency in the formation and operation of the extra-curricular activities
- consideration is given to the safety and well-being of pupils involved in extra-curricular activities.

NBA also ensures that parents are informed regarding the extra-curricular programme offered by the school and have a role in determining the involvement of their child in extra-curricular activities. All school clubs / activities will be ensure that:

- it is supervised by at least one staff member
- it has a clear and precise purpose
- any conditions of membership as well as a description of how the club / activity is run are clearly explained to pupils and parents.

Extra-curricular activities require principal approval on an annual basis and risk assessments to be conducted for the space in which they take place.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Extra-Curricular Activities will run in the first and second terms.
- All teachers are responsible for offering an activity for each of the 2 terms.
- ECAs are offered across a range of areas including: sport, academics, culture and faith.
- All activities should enlist up to 25 pupils depending on the activity.
- Teachers may offer activities across the school not only to the year group that they teach.
- The ECA Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that ECA's are appropriate to the Key Stage, including the physical, and intellectual maturity of the particular pupils.
- It is also the responsibility of the ECA Coordinator to ensure the appropriate involvement of all teachers.
- The teacher is responsible for ensuring that the extra-curricular activity attends to pupil safety and functions within the policy and regulation.

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- Pupil participants will be made aware of all procedures and guidelines as outlined in the policy and regulation.
- Membership in an extra-curricular activity will be nondiscriminatory.
- All extra-curricular activities will be conducted in a manner that maintains or enhances the dignity and self-esteem of the individual pupil.

Information to Parents

- Information regarding all extra-curricular activities offered by the school will be given to parents. This communication will include a schedule of meetings and activities as appropriate.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to inform the school in writing if they wish to have a child included in any of the available extra-curricular activities.
- The teachers will maintain a current membership roster of each club and will ensure that parents are kept informed regarding any changes in the events and activities.
- Parents of pupils who travel by bus will be informed that they will need to provide transport as the bus will still leave at 1:50p.m.
- A current file for all extra-curricular activities will be maintained by the ECA Coordinator.

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