



REGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Extra-Curricular Policy

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INTRODUCTION

Regent School offers a wide range of extracurricular activities for the children. The bulk of these are the “Clubs”, which take place on Monday to Friday afternoons. Musical activities take place after school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Football practice for the school teams also take place in the afternoons after school. A range of after-school activities has also been introduced for Early Years children and take place from Monday to Thursday.

This policy is designed to provide guidance for the development, implementation and monitoring of extra-curricular activities. In particular, we are seeking to:

- Develop a child’s full potential.
- Increase social awareness, social skills, group responsibility and empathy.
- Foster individual talents and interests.

The aims of the policy

By encouraging extra-curricular activities, we intend to:

- Provide a range of activities and pursuits that will help the children to choose leisure activities for adult life.
- Enable children to have fun and enjoy a broad range of activities.
- Enable children to extend their enjoyment of particular areas of learning through more in-depth study and activity.
- Encourage children to develop friendships between age groups and work together co-operatively with others.

After-school Club Procedures

After-school activities usually run from 2.20pm-3.30pm. Permission slips must be completed prior to any child attending a club. Clubs will normally run a register which is compiled in the school office.

Before each Club session begins, an assembly takes place in which the various club choices are explained to the children. The list of available clubs is then sent home so that children and their parents can choose which Club(s) to attend.

Children in Years 1 and 2 have a carousel of activities, so that they can sample a wide variety, each for two weeks, as we feel that at this age, they are too young to make an informed choice. After this sampling of activities, they choose a Club which they attend for twelve weeks.

Children may attend Clubs on one day, two days or no days.

The club sessions run throughout the year apart from the first and last week of every term.

Charges for Clubs

The cost of clubs is kept to a minimum. Clubs run by school staff make a modest charge to cover the cost of consumable items, e.g. a charge for each cookery session to cover the cost of ingredients. Outside providers of clubs operate their own charging policies which must be acceptable to the school. Where outside providers are charging parents, it is expected that the costs to be incurred will be made clear before parents agree to children attending the club.

Behaviour and Discipline

The success of the school's extra-curricular programme is dependent on the good behaviour of the students involved. As a general rule, the school's existing policy on student behaviour should apply to extra-curricular, as the students are representative of the school at such activities.

The majority of extra-curricular activities take place on the school campus. Those that involve going off campus will require special measures to be taken, as covered in the School's Trips and Visits Policy.

External Club Providers

The School engages a number of external club providers to run clubs in areas which lie outside the skills and expertise of the school's employed staff. These external providers are subject to a written contract regulating and formalising their business and professional relationship with The Regent School.

Conclusion

The Regent School is committed to the provision of high-quality after-school clubs and activities. We recognise that these opportunities add breadth to the children's educational experience and play a vital part in helping children to discover and develop skills, talents and interests outside of curriculum subjects.

This Policy Document both guides and reflects current practice in extra-curricular activities at The Regent School. It is up to date and current at the time of writing (Sept 2021) and will be due for review in September 2022.