

Laughton Junior and Infant School House Policy



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HOUSE SYSTEM POLICY



Why have Houses?

We feel the children benefit from being members of mixed age school teams. It helps develop opportunities for year groups to work together, encourages children to support each one another, it gives the children a strong sense of responsibility and belonging and provides them with a range of additional activities to take part in.

How many House Teams are there?

There are four houses with balanced numbers of boys and girls and numbers from each year group. Family members are in the same house. We have assigned every member of staff and all Governors to a house. We have chosen mythical animals; Hydra, Dragon, Griffin and Phoenix as the names of our houses.

When is the house system used?

There is a house point system with a cup awarded every half term. It is also used on Sports Day. There is a meeting of houses every half term, led by one of the teachers and the house captains.

How are the houses managed?

Each house has two house captains, one from Y6 and one from Y5, the Y5 will step up to be the senior house captain when they get to Y6. Children put themselves forward by completing a manifesto (see Appendix) and are elected by the members of their house. Each house has a logo and learning characteristics. There is a house board in the hall, a house colour and a house cup. A member of the Senior Leadership Team leads each house.

How do children get house points?

House points are awarded for various reasons including achievement, intra house sports competitions and good behaviour throughout the school day. Any member of staff can award house points.

How does a house win the house cup?

House points are recorded in each classroom. The house points are collected each week by the House captains and the current totals read out each week in the following Monday's whole school assembly. At the end of each half term, points are totalled and the winning house is awarded the cup in our Special Mentions assembly. They will also have an afternoon off timetable and will receive a house treat - this may be watching a film, taking part in a sports activity, baking or another treat decided upon by the House Captains and Senior Leadership team.

The Houses

We wanted the House names to be decided by the children and staff so during the Autumn Term 2016, there was a school vote for the names.

The decision was to name the four houses after mythical creatures as follows:

Each house has a colour to represent it

- Red - Phoenix
- Yellow - Griffin
- Blue - Hydra
- Green - Dragon

Staff			
Red	Yellow	Blue	Green
			
Mrs Gill	Miss Clowes	Mrs Wilkinson	Mr Chambers
Mrs Rowbotham	Mrs Dodd	Mrs Parkes	Miss Elliott
Mrs Davies	Mrs Adams	Mrs Brammer	Mrs Rogers
Mrs McLaughlin	Mrs Bailey	Miss Lawery	Miss Lambert
Mrs Bell	Miss Day	Mrs Rose	Mr Smith
Mrs Marriott	Mr Harrison	Mrs Pollard	Mrs Harrison
Miss Richards	Mrs Conway	Mrs Atkins	
Governors			
Mr Lucas	Mr Ellis	Mrs Rogers	Mr Horsfield
Mrs Sadler	Mr Rogers	Mr Price	Mrs Procter
		Mr Wilkinson	Mrs Ware

Inter-House Competitions

There are half-termly competitions or events based on a variety of different themes- dance, singing, sport and art. The idea is to bring the houses together and develop children's different skills across various talents. We are also instilling a sense of competition, as well as teaching children how to win and lose appropriately.

Appendix 1 – House captain manifesto template

House Captain Manifesto

About me

Who are you? Give information like your name, class, age etc

All about me...

Why me?

Think about what a good house captain would be like. What **skills** and **abilities** would they have?

Write down the ones that you have. What are you *particularly* good at that would help you to be a great school house captain (being a great cook probably won't help much, but being really organised might)?

I would be a great house captain because I am ...

What will I do?

What do you think would make the house system run well? How will you ensure everyone in your house works hard?

Think of things that are realistic, that **you could do yourself**, rather than having to ask other people to do?

If you elect me I promise I will ...