



The House System

Tackley Church of England Primary School

Allocation of Houses

The school is divided into four houses: Copse, Grove, Heath and Spinney

Children shall be allocated a house when they start in Acorn Class or when they join the school at a later stage. Where possible children of the same family will be allocated the same house, whilst ensuring that the number of children is fairly balanced between each house. All staff members apart from the Headteacher will be allocated a house which they will support throughout their time at Tackley.

Each house will be allocated a colour - as below:

Heath - Red

Copse - Yellow

Spinney - Green

Grove - Blue

Captains and Vice Captains

Year sixes will be given the opportunity to nominate themselves as Captains or Vice-captains.

Children who have nominated themselves will have to put themselves forward at a house assembly and a vote will be carried out to elect a Captain and Vice-captain.

The Captains and Vice-captains will wear a badge to show their position in the school. Captains and Vice-captains will be expected to:

- Be an example of exemplary behaviour and attitude
- Help in the dinner hall on Fridays
- Collect and count up the house points
- Organise House competitions
- Be a buddy to younger children in their House
- Propose and represent ideas from their House that will improve the House System
- Lead their house at whole school sporting events
- Help to organise their house assembly
- Live out the Tackley Values and encourage members of their house to do the same
- Respect the Christian ethos of the school

Captains or Vice-Captains whose behaviour or attitude is not a good example to others will be asked to stand down from the captaincy or vice-captaincy for a set amount of time. If their incorrect behaviour or attitude continues they will be asked to permanently step down from their role and a further election will take place.

Awarding House Points

Any member of staff can award House Points to any child, at any time and for any reason if they are caught demonstrating the Tackley Values. These are humility, honesty, perseverance, forgiveness, respect and responsibility. Children can also be awarded house points for representing their house or school, effort, good attitude or by demonstrating good manners.

5, 10 or 20 house points may be awarded.

A school 'House Target' may be set which will be discussed at assembly and staff members should specifically award house points if children are seen to be trying to meet this target. These will link with the Tackley Value for the term.

Children and Houses will also be awarded House points at assembly for good behaviour and/or participation.

Stars of the week will automatically receive ten house points for their house as well as children who are given reader, writer or mathematician of the week.

Pen licence = 50 house points

2x, 5x, 10x tables = 50 house points

All times tables = 100 house points

House Points will also be given out for participating in or winning whole school or House Competitions.

Recording House Points

A House Point chart is present in each classroom and children should be encouraged to add their house points onto this display. The totals will be collected by house captains or vice-captains during breaktime on a Friday.

Rewarding Winning Houses

Weekly Award: At the end of each assembly the weekly winners will be announced. The house points are updated on the celebrating success wall each week by the house captains following assembly.

Annual Award: The house cup is decorated with the correct coloured ribbon for the particular house who is leading the house competition and placed at the front of the school hall. The prize for the winning house at the end of the year is decided by Captains and Vice-captains when elected.

Consultation with Pupils

Every year the School Council will be given the opportunity to review the rewards and propose new rewards. They will also be given the opportunity to discuss how the House System at Tackley can develop in future years.

Meeting Behaviour and Attitude Standards

The expectation is that children will be loyal to their House and try their best to earn points for their house by displaying good behaviour and attitudes and by demonstrating the Tackley Values.

It is hoped that children will be proud to be a member of a school house and that a friendly rivalry will exist between the four houses. For sport and PE events which involve the whole school children wear coloured t-shirts which are specific to their house. Occasionally, children will work in house groups rather than year groups. This provides children with useful opportunities to work not only with their peers but with those older or younger than themselves.

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