



## Colours Policy

*The Corporation of Oundle School includes both Oundle School, a boarding and day School for pupils aged 11 – 18 and Laxton Junior School, a day School for pupils aged 4 - 11. This policy applies solely to Laxton Junior School.*

### Introduction

At Laxton Junior School, Colours are awarded in recognition of skill, commitment, enthusiasm and attitude in different aspects of co-curricular life. In general, these will most likely be awarded to children in Year 5 and 6, but where children in younger years achieve to an exceptional level, they too have the opportunity to receive a Colour.

### Aims

The aim of this Policy is to provide a clear explanation of why Colours are awarded, what for and by what means.

### Pupil Characteristics

To be awarded a Colour, pupils must consistently show all of the following in the relevant activities:

- **Skill:** Pupils demonstrate a high and consistent level of performance in a particular activity
- **Commitment and Enthusiasm:** Pupils demonstrate an excellent level of commitment at all times and willingly give up their time during and after school
- **Attitude:** Pupils' behaviour and approach to an activity is of a high standard, this includes both curricular and extra-curricular activities

### Categories of Award

#### Sport:

Colours are awarded once three matches, at Under 11A level, have been played in the following sports:

Netball	Hockey	Rounders
Football	Rugby	Swimming
Swimming	Tennis	Chess
Tennis	Cross Country	

Or any other sport that is played at the School's highest level.

Being awarded the Captaincy of any sporting team is the equivalent of one Colour award.

At the discretion of the Head of Sport, Colours may also be awarded to children not performing at the highest level but who show exceptional commitment to an activity and have demonstrated outstanding improvement in that sporting area.

## Music:

Colours are awarded to children who perform in the following groups and ensembles:

Senior Choir	Senior Brass	Senior Percussion
Senior Strings	Senior Woodwind	Chamber Choir

Or any other musical group that is played at the School's highest level.

Being invited to perform in the Chamber Choir is the equivalent of one Colour, but this will only be awarded to participants who are already in the Senior Choir.

At the discretion of the Head of Music, Colours may also be awarded to children not performing at the highest level but who show exceptional commitment to an activity and have demonstrated outstanding improvement in that musical area.

## Drama:

At the discretion of the Head of Drama, Colours may also be awarded to children not performing at the highest level but who show exceptional commitment to Drama and have demonstrated outstanding improvement.

## The Head's Award

The Head can award Colours for exceptional achievement in any field.

## Badges

The badges children wear will reflect how many times they have received a Colour, as follows:

- **Bronze:** A child has received their Colours for one of the activities listed above
- **Silver:** A child has received their Colours for four of the activities listed above
- **Gold:** A child has received their Colours for eight of the activities listed above

## The Award of Colours

Colours will be awarded during the monthly Celebration Assembly and presented by the Head and the relevant member of staff. The names of those awarded will be recorded in a database for future reference and to ensure that we have awarded badges of the appropriate Colour to the children.

## Linked Policies

This policy is linked to:

- PE Policy
- Games Policy
- Music Policy

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