



Dear Parent,

We would like to provide you with additional information about our competitive inter-school sports programme here at NAS Dubai. The Dubai based inter-school leagues work on a 'seasonal' model.

Generally speaking, the following sports feature in each term:

Term 1	Swimming, Netball, Football
Term 2	Swimming, Netball, Rugby, Athletics, Cross-country
Term 3	Swimming, Rounders, Cricket, Basketball

This model will guide our PE Curriculum content, CCA programme and the sports teams we offer during that term. We will select children for representative teams from three distinct environments:

- PE lessons
- CCAs
- Open-day or invitational trials

In every PE lesson teachers are constantly assessing the performance of each child. It may be that based on their performance a child will be invited to attend a CCA or taster training session. This invitation will be issued directly to the parents via email. Following this trial your child may then be selected to represent the school as part of a team. Again, as a parent you will be notified by email.

When children sign-up to a CCA they are expressing an interest in that sport and, whenever possible, will be given an opportunity to play competitive games against other schools. Depending on their ability level these games may be part of a league, tournament or friendly fixture. Swimming is the only activity in which we have to be somewhat selective; due to safety implications we must insist on a certain degree of competency in order to train as part of a large squad.

Finally, it has come to my attention that some children may not have signed up to a CCA but are still very interested in representing the school as part of a team. To address this misunderstanding and ensure no children miss-out this term only we will hold open training sessions which will be advertised as part of the daily email home to parents (such as the one taking place for football on Sunday 12th October). We would ask that, should your child wish to attend one of these trials you notify the person specified in the email. This will enable us to ensure that we have the correct space, staff and resources to cater for all who wish to attend. In future terms, please ensure that if your child is interested in representing the school they sign-up to the CCA.

I hope that this has helped to reassure you that we are in the process of implementing a structured, comprehensive and inclusive inter-school sports programme here at NAS.

Thank you for your support

Yours Sincerely

Kate Duffy

Head of PE