







House System Policy

Rationale

The Arcadia School operates a traditional British house system that fosters teamwork, resilience and sporting etiquette. There are four houses, whose names derive from the names of children's authors. These are:

	POTTER HOUSE		POPPINS HOUSE
	HOOD HOUSE		BAGGINS HOUSE

Each pupil is assigned to a house for the duration of their time at the school; siblings and parents are also allocated to the same house. School staff are assigned to a house and remain in that house for their entire time at our school.

Being part of a house system enhances the student's sense of identity and belonging and creates a spirit of friendly competition, collaboration and cooperation. This friendly rivalry is given ample opportunity to manifest itself in a wide-range of inter-house competitions and events. The healthy spirit of competition that is fostered and encouraged brings out the very best in our children and serves to give every child the opportunity to contribute towards their house.

Awarding Points

House points are awarded on a daily basis and can be awarded by any member of Arcadia staff. Points can be given for high standards of work, consistent improvement, general helpfulness and manners, consistent positive behaviour or sustained effort.

All house points are recorded weekly and count towards the Arcadia House Cup at the end of each term. These points are added up to give a final score at the end of the academic year. The winning house is awarded the Valrani Shield.

The positions of each house at any given time throughout the year is displayed through the house shields behind reception, and a running total is communicated via our weekly e-letter to parents so that children, parents and the wider community can check the points for each house as the year goes on.

Uniform

Pupil's PE uniform reflects the house that they are part of and has the house colours incorporated within the design.



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Leadership

Each house is lead by a House Captain who represents their team at appropriate times. House Captains are chosen through a voting process throughout school and they assist by collecting house points every week and helping to run house events.

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Policy Responsibility: House Coordinator, Head of PE

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