

## Oaklands School Prefect Policy

## Why we have prefects at Oaklands

As part of our citizenship education, we believe that children need to experience duties and responsibilities that come with being a member of a community in order to help them prepare to play an active role as citizens.

At Oaklands, we believe that prefects have a very important role to play in the day to day organisation of our school and as only Year 6 pupils are allowed to fulfil this position, it is considered to be very prestigious.

The position not only allows Year 6 pupils to lead by example and demonstrate their responsibility, it also enables the younger children to learn from a good example.

## Aims

- To support all staff within the Oaklands School environment.
- To maintain the School Rules.
- To report any concerns about pupils to staff.
- To act responsibly and set a good example
- To guide younger pupils in a kind and appropriate manner.
- To carry out duties efficiently.

## **Duties**

The prefects at Oaklands take on many roles and have many responsibilities, such as:

- To liaise with member of staff for whom they are the prefect.
- To report every morning as soon after 8.30am as practical to that member of staff.
- To discuss with member of staff at the beginning of the year the jobs they are required to do and agree to a "verbal contract".
- To explain and apologise to member of staff when they are not able to perform their duties.
- To be ready to greet visitors on Open Days, school plays/concerts and if required, help to serve refreshments.
- To be ready to help the Headmistress, teaching, office, library and lunchtime staff and any other member
  of staff as and when required.
- To encourage younger children to keep their belongings in the cloakroom areas tidy.

Oaklands School prefects must lead by example at all times in their behaviour, the respect they show to others and their school uniform.

A prefect's role is varied and to be awarded a school prefect badge is considered to be a real privilege.