
PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS FUNDING

What is Sports Funding?

The Government has provided funding of £150 million per annum for each academic years from 2013/2014 to the present, to provide 'new, substantial primary school sport funding'. This funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and will see money going directly to primary schools to be spent on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

The school has the freedom to choose how to do this.

Possible uses for the funding include:

- hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE, specifically in order to up-skill them
- new or additional Change4Life sport clubs
- paying for professional development opportunities in PE/sport
- providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport
- running sport competitions, or increasing participation in the school games
- buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE/sport

Each school will receive £8, 000 plus an extra £5 per Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupil each year for these two academic years. The sports funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

What does this mean for our school?

For the financial year 2015-2016 our school has received £8626 in Sports Funding.

The Governors agree that the money must be used so that:

- all children benefit regardless of sporting ability;
- that the most able children are given the opportunity to compete in advanced tournaments;
- that staff have access to training opportunities and continued professional development in order to improve confidence in the delivery of high-quality PE lessons and sports provision across the school;
- to improve resourcing – including a new Scheme of Work and planning tool
- to extend extra-curricular sporting opportunities and to
- increase uptake in these.

We feel that these are the most effective and efficient ways for the funding to have a long lasting and positive effect on future learning and physical development of children within our school.

How the money is being spent (2015-2016)....

BUDGET - £8,880

£1900 membership of the Herts and Ware School Sports Partnership (PE consultancy) who provide:

- in-house Continuing Professional Development (CPD) – advice and support (e.g. on planning and assessment), staff meetings, demonstration lessons and team teaching
- off-site CPD (e.g. courses such as 'Teaching Good or Better PE Lessons')
- inter-school competitions (e.g. Sportshall Athletics)
- Gifted and Talented opportunities
- Young Leaders' training (training children in Year 5 to work with younger children)

This reduced cost (£4,300 2014-2015) reflects a new approach whereby schools pay a core cost and then 'buy in' services in a bespoke manner.

£1500 Part-funding of temporary TLR (to support the whole school development of PE and Maths)

£372 supply cover (2 days) to release PE Subject Leader

£25 entry fees for sporting events

£900 coaches to convey children to sporting opportunities

£110 additional staff hours to support pupils at events

£890 Up-skilling for all teachers in Dance – delivered by DanceJam Academy

£800 Schemes of Work - Primary Schools' Premier Dance Package

- £150** Fitball PE demonstration (netball) – up-skilling
- £700** Development of fine motor skills – children in years 1-6, delivered by Challenge Sport
- £300** Replacement and new PE equipment
- £300** New team kits - football and temporary netball (netball to follow)
- £430** Socketted netball posts (2)
- £30** Fixed wall-mounted netball posts

Total: £8907 approx. £27 overspent

How will the impact be measured:

1. Teachers demonstrate confidence in planning and delivery of Scheme of Work.
2. Observations of children and staff during PE lessons
3. Teachers use professional development training to run own clubs.
4. Equipment will be used even more effectively to maximise learning in both lessons and clubs.
5. Assessment of pupils skills and development in PE, by teachers and children in PE lessons, using internal tracking.
6. Increased after school clubs and participation in PE and sport
7. Increased links with specialist organisations and coaches.

Impact so far (to March 2016)

1. CPD from DanceJam Academy and Challenge Sport has increased subject confidence for staff and teachers are now teaching a broader and enriched PE curriculum and assessing achievement in PE.
2. New, purchased dance scheme of work is being widely and has greatly enhanced confidence in teaching the dance aspect of the PE curriculum.
3. Challenge Sport coaches are used to support children with manual dexterity problems.
4. Challenge Sport used to identify talent in 'minority' sports and coach for competitive entry e.g. table tennis, basketball etc.
5. Liaison with Amwell View Special School (SLD) – Year 6 children supporting pupils in PE lessons.
6. Year 5 children are trained as Young Leaders and support children at playtimes.
7. 2 Sports' Ambassadors and 1 Health Ambassador (all Year 6) have devised a fitness programme and started to deliver it to Year 2 children in the lunch hour.
8. Sports' Day (July 2015) was the second that followed the pattern of a morning of games devised by Year 6 on a carousel in School Families – including some paralympic sports e.g. boccia - involvement and accessibility for all. Afternoon of more conventional races again in School Families, largely done as all-age relays, therefore dramatically increasing involvement by all.
9. Participation in Change4Life games (July 2015) encouraged reluctant sports children – all enjoyed it greatly.
10. Weekly dance class held as a club for all ages – new provider (DanceJam Academy).
11. New focus on Healthy Living – including Cookery Club.
12. Attendance in extra-curricular sporting activity based in school: 139 children (79%) attended at least one after school club. (69% in KS1 ↓ from 81% in 2014-15 and 84% in KS2 ↑ from 71% in 2014-'15)
13. We now have liaison with, or signposting to, more than 10 outside sports providers/clubs
14. Sainsbury Sportsmark Silver awarded in September 2015 which offers significant evidence of increased impact.

Anticipated future developments in PE – April 2016 on:

1. Consider extra-curricular sporting activity provision for KS1 to address decrease in 2015-16)
2. Potential funding of TA to undertake Sports' Youth Trust Level 5 sports leadership.
3. Development of outside area including additional benching and an environmental trim trail.
4. Improved playground equipment and markings – e.g. giant chessboard markings
5. Purchase netball team kit (£600)
6. Subsidise swimming lessons @ 50% (KS2) (£1000)
7. High Quality PE an annual focus for Summer 1 observations
8. Purchase CPD (Sports' Partnership coaching) to address action points.