
ADDITIONAL FUNDING

PE AND SPORTS PREMIUM

The purpose of the PE and sports grant is to make additional and sustainable improvements for the quality of PE and sport in primary schools.

Expenditure

In 2016-17 we received £8,135 PE and sports premium funding. The grant contributed towards the cost of buying in a specialist yoga practitioner in order to widen pupil participation in PE, including those with the most complex needs. As a result, even the least physically able pupils have been able to participate more in meaningful and appropriate physical activity.

In addition, funds have contributed towards logistical costs of attending off-site tournaments and new sporting activities including beach volleyball.

Impact

We have seen an increase in pupil participation of sports activities, including for the least physically able and, for the wider cohort, offsite competitions and activities.

In addition to improving sports and games skills, children and young people have developed social skills, confidence and a growing network of peers (both mainstream and in other special schools), providing further opportunities for participation and competitions and expanding on the variety of physical development opportunities possible. The use of yoga has directly impacted on the wellbeing of pupils and supported their readiness to learn.

The coming year

In 2017-18 we expect to receive £8,125 PE and sports premium funding. We intend to spend the money on wider staff development and training in order to enable more pupils to be able to access physical programmes - for example, Rebound therapy and hydrotherapy. It will continue to contribute towards the funding of a yoga specialist in order to enhance the existing PE curriculum.

Sustainability

We are committed to whole staff development and aim to train staff across the primary department in order to support specialist physical programmes with a wide group of pupils. We anticipate that this focus on wider staff development will ensure that opportunities for sports, PE and physical exercise are increased and are embedded into daily routines, ensuring sustainability as part of a focus on pupil well-being and healthy lifestyles.