

Primary PE and Sport Funding

Upton St. James C of E Primary School recognise the contribution of PE to the health and well-being of the children. We believe that an innovative, varied PE curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities have a positive influence on the concentration, attitude and academic achievement of all our children.

Our Primary School PE and Sport Funding will enable us to continue and extend our provision through employing additional sports professionals, entering into more sports competitions and training our staff to deliver in-house quality PE sessions.

What is the PE and Sport Premium?

The primary PE and sport premium was introduced in March 2013 to improve the provision of physical education and school sport in primary schools across England. The £150 million per year funding is provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health, and Culture, Media and Sport (DfE, DH, DCMS). The funding is allocated directly to primary schools and is ring-fenced. This means it may only be spent on improving the provision of PE and sport in schools. In February 2014 the government committed to continue the funding until 2020

How much funding will schools receive?

All schools with 17 or more primary-aged pupils between the ages of 5-11 on roll will receive a lump sum of £8,000 plus an additional premium of £5 per pupil. Schools with up to 17 pupils will receive the sum of £500 per pupil. Schools will receive the funding in two lump sum payments annually.

However, in the 2016 Budget, Chancellor George Osborne announced that revenue from the soft drinks industry levy will be used to **double** the primary school PE and sport premium from £160 million per year to £320 million per year from September 2017.

What does the new sugar tax mean for the PE and sport premium funding?

This will allow schools to help support healthier, more active lifestyles and will enable them to make further improvements to the quality and breadth of PE and sport they offer. They will also have the freedom to choose how they do this. Schools are to be held accountable for how they have used this additional funding.

How is Upton using its Sports Premium?

Some of our Primary School PE and Sport funding is used to employ a PE specialist, Mrs Sue Eames, who works across a number of schools. This guarantees a sustainable way to ensure a lasting impact on sport within Upton and the local community.

She will coordinate sporting programmes, competitions, CPD and offer help and support concerning subject knowledge, funding opportunities and links with community clubs, coaches and National Governing Bodies.

At the end of every year she will be reporting on the impact that the funding has had at Upton St James and will be setting out new plans to further the development during the course of the following year.