

Greasby Infant School



Sports Funding Policy

Mission Statement

We aim to provide a happy, relaxed environment where children are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential, and to develop an attitude of care and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

We ensure that the children in this school will attain the highest standards of which they are capable. We encourage the children to be independent and self-confident and we believe that this can be achieved more readily when teachers, parents and pupils work together in partnership.

Overview

The government provided additional funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding has also been provided for 2016-17 and will continue to be provided to primary schools until 2021. It has been provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport and is allocated to primary school headteachers. This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools. Schools must spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they have the freedom to choose how they do this.

Objectives

1. To improve the provision of PE and sport within the school's curriculum for Physical Education, providing a broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered.
2. To improve the quality of teaching and learning in PE and sport by increasing the confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff.
3. To increase pupil participation and engagement in PE and competitive sport.
4. To raise standards of achievement in PE and sport for all pupils.
5. To make use of qualified expertise to support and promote the teaching of PE and sport.

Strategies

1. Where it is appropriate we will consider hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work with teachers when teaching PE.
2. We will look for strategies of supporting and engaging the least active children through new or additional provision including where available before/after school clubs e.g. Full of Beans.
3. Where INSET is available we will use the funding for paying for professional development opportunities for teachers in PE and sport.

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5. We will use the funding to provide additional PE and sport activities including running sport competitions, or increasing pupils' participation in the School Games.
6. We will buy additional equipment for developing the early key skills in physical development and sport and games in the Foundation Stage and KS1.
7. Where the right quality can be found we will look to buy quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE and sport.
8. We will look for appropriate opportunities to meet educational need by providing places for pupils on after school sports clubs, competitions and holiday clubs.
9. We will look for opportunities for pooling the additional funding with that of other local schools to share provision and expertise.
10. As a school, we will introduce new sports and activities during lessons, breakfast and after school clubs and through sports trips and encourage all learners to take part in these.
11. We will include details of the provision of PE and sport on the website, alongside details of their broader curriculum, so that parents may see what is on offer both within and beyond the school day.
12. We will provide details of our sports funding, summary of spending and outcomes for parents, on our school website.

Outcomes

From September 2013, we have been held to account over how we spend this additional, ring-fenced funding. Ofsted have strengthened the coverage of PE and sport within the 'Inspectors' handbook' and supporting guidance so that both schools and inspectors know how sport and PE should be assessed as part of the school's overall provision. We aim to be able to demonstrate an improvement in the range, quality and participation in our PE and sports provision and raise the overall profile of physical education.

COVID-19

As a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, the DfE relaxed the ring-fencing arrangements for the Sports Grant funding for 2019-2020 so that funding could be carried forwards to 2020-2021. Any under-spends needed to be spent by March 2021. Funding that was carried forward was used to provide support for children returning to school following lockdown through positive physical activities and mental health education.

The policy will be reviewed by the Learning and Achievement Committee on a regular basis.