

Primary Schools' Sports Funding 2016/17

What is the Sports Premium?

The Government is continuing to provide funding of £150 million per annum for this academic year 2016/17 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 school headteachers to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

The sport funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

Purpose of funding

Schools will have to spend the sport funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they will have the freedom to choose how they do this.

Possible uses for the funding include:

- hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE
- 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
- providing places for pupils on after school sport clubs and holiday clubs.
- providing transport and supervision for pupils attending events

How will we be spending the Sports Funding and who will benefit?

The Governors agree that the money must be used so that all children benefit regardless of sporting ability and 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. Swimming may be subsidised in order to support all families financially.

We want to make full use of this wonderful opportunity to make full use of this funding by ensuring that we can sustain the high quality delivery of PE in and out of school. We will allocate some of the funding to provide support and training for each member of our teaching staff which will be invaluable for our own professional development.

Our aims for the next 2 years in PE and Sport are:

After school sport clubs

At Saxton, we endeavour to offer a variety of after school clubs. We will be using the Sports Funding to expand our PE resources for use at these clubs. We are constantly approached by coaching companies and we hope to be able to subsidise their costs to offer more after school sporting opportunities in the summer term.

Increasing participation in school sport and healthy lifestyles

At Saxton we endeavour to promote a healthy lifestyle. The Sports Funding will provide opportunities for all pupils to see the benefits of this. Plans for Healthy Eating weeks, Health Workshops, hiring of Specialists to lead assemblies and talk about their line of work as well as improving on the existing resources in school. PE resources constantly need replacing and this new funding will allow us to invest in better quality equipment that will last as well as adding new items, for example, gymnastic wedges and mats, all types of balls, parachutes, rackets and nets.

We are luckily enough to have had the playground resurfaced so we are looking at the installation of playground markings and to further expand on the play equipment for the children to enjoy.

At Saxton CE Primary School, the children love to be active in the playground and enjoy playing with equipment with their friends. This equipment needs constant renewal and again the new funding is a fantastic opportunity to buy new things and replace the old favourites that the children love like footballs and skipping ropes.

On a separate attachment is a list of planned events for this academic year.

Providing opportunities for children to compete

In partnership with Sherburn High School and the cluster of primary schools within our cluster, the Sports Funding will pay for the services of a school sports coordinator. Their role will be to arrange tournaments and fixtures between the cluster primaries, whilst offering exit routes for our more gifted children, allowing them to compete against other children at a higher level. We feel it is important that children who are more able in sport are given the chance to participate against others of a similar ability and potential.

In the year 2015/16 over 70% pupils represented our school at a competitive sporting event. 100% of pupils took part in at least one intra school sporting competition!

Stacey Howard has been into school to train up our Y5 & Y6 pupils to become Sports Crew leaders. The selected pupils will arrange intra school competitions and challenges. There will be many roles within the crew including, researchers to carry out surveys, promoters to advertise events and organisers to run the competitions.

Providing Training Opportunities for Staff

Total Sports, a primary school PE group of specialists come into school to work alongside / train teachers on a weekly basis.

The coaches are well qualified and are trained to understand teaching as well as coaching skills. They are able to deliver lessons that meet outcomes and objectives showing pupils' progression throughout each lesson and over time.

Teachers will learn new techniques and skills to teach the pupils.

Accreditation

We have recently received the Sainsbury's Games Mark (Silver Award!) for the second year running. This is awarded for our continuing improvement in Sports and PE.