

Primary School's Sports Funding

What is the Sports Premium?

The Government is continuing to provide funding for primary school sport. 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.

For 2016/17 our school will receive £8310 of sports funding.

St Leonard's CE First School Sports Audit

The co-ordinator for PE in school has completed an audit of the provision for sport at St Leonard's. The audit found that:

- The pupils would benefit from additional structured sporting activities at lunchtime.
- To subsidise a pre-activity class before school starting at 8 am. This is subsidised by the sports funding premium and started as a new venture in 2013. This has improved focus in learning and as our school is situated in a rural area this strategy provides a further opportunity for children to participate in teams within a physical activity to improve their well-being, confidence and team building schemes.
- To buy in a trained PE coordinator to ensure the activities offered at St Leonard's have the greatest possible impact.
- To take part in more inter school sporting 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; that the most able children are given the opportunity to participate in advanced activities; that staff have access to training opportunities and continued professional development. That the schools PE resources are fit for purpose.

The information below shows how we intend to spend the sports funding during 2016-2017.

Hiring qualified sports coaches to work alongside lunchtime supervisors at lunch times

The school has hired the services of Progressive Sports/Inspired Coaching to deliver PE activities every lunchtime with the emphasis being upon fun, enjoyment and structured play. The benefit is also to enhance a sense of fair play, to build teamwork and reduce playground first aid incidents. This initiative will benefit all children from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 4.

Pre-School Activity Class

The school employs a professional sports coach to come into school every day at 8am. Children participate in a multi-skills activity programme to further boost their confidence at school. As a rural school this provides a further opportunity for children to enjoy physical activity with their friends within a wide-reaching catchment area.

PE Coordinator

To buy in a trained PE coordinator who will assess the impact of sport in our school by carrying out fitness tests at the beginning and end of each term. They will also work alongside the Sports coaches and teacher to ensure a range of suitable physical activities are provided that engages as many of our children as possible to participate. This person will also ensure the PE resources available support the teaching of high quality PE lessons.

Providing opportunities for children to compete at other events

Children will be given the opportunity to participate in inter-school events within the The Wolgarston Collaboration. The sports funding will pay for transporting children to and from competitions as well as the services of a school sports coordinator.

The school has also funded coach travel for leavers to join in their new school's annual sports day. This allows them to meet new friends in a team working environment and boost confidence as pupils move to their transition schools.

IMPACT

Sports Premium Funding has resulted in the following positive impact to pupils who attend our school:

1. Those who attend our before school activity club are more focused in class, particularly the phonic/literacy and numeracy lessons which are held each morning: The school achieved a 93% pass rate in phonics for the academic year of 2015-2016.
2. Strategies implemented have created a sense of fair play, children working together and enhance team building skills.
3. First Aid incidents; particularly during lunchtimes are dramatically reduced as children are participating in structured supervised play with a professional sports coach.
4. As a rural school our children cannot walk to sporting events at other schools due to our location. The funding of coach travel to these events, particularly in Year 4 when they join up with other pupils from First Schools within The Wolgarston Collaboration allows them to mix with their new peers and make new friends.