

THIS POLICY IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

ST BERTELINE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy for Sports Funding

Overview

The government has provided additional funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 and 2015 to 2016 to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding – provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport – has been 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

- To improve the provision in PE and sport within the school's curriculum for Physical Education
- To improve the quality of teaching and learning in PE and sport
- To increase pupils participation in PE and sport
- To raise standards of achievement in PE and sport for all pupils
- To make use of qualified expertise to support and promote the teaching of PE and sport.

Strategies

- Where INSET is available we will use the funding to pay for professional development opportunities for teachers in PE and sport
- We will look for opportunities to provide cover to release teachers for professional development in PE and sport
- We will use the funding to provide additional PE and sport activities including holding sport competitions
- We will look at the possibilities for purchasing equipment for new provision including football goals, table-tennis, badminton and other appropriate sports and games in KS2.
- We will look for opportunities for pooling the additional funding with that of other local schools to build joint provision or to share sports and facilities eg St Chad's.

- We will buy additional equipment for developing early key skills in sport and games for KS1 children.
- We will look at strategies for supporting and engaging the least active children during playtime and lesson time including the provision of age specific, permanent apparatus eg trim trail.
- Where necessary we will consider hiring specialist coaches to support our PE eg tennis, table tennis, golf.
- We will engage MDA's and play leaders in encouraging active playground games and activities eg skipping.
- We will aim to increase the repertoire of sport activities on offer at St Bert's eg golf.
- We will continue to support the teaching of swimming to all KS 2 children
- We will include details of the provision of PE and sport on the website, alongside details of the broader curriculum, so that parents may see what is on offer both within and beyond the school day.

Outcome

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

September 2014

This financial year (2014/15) we received £9,280 PE and Sports Grant. Our priority was to enhance the outdoor provision for PE, games and general recreation. We have spent a considerable amount of the grant replenishing equipment (eg athletics equipment, football goals, cricket resources and general sports equipment); accessing new activities (eg golf, table tennis, skipping) and training staff (eg tennis, staff meetings). In addition, we continued to run the various sports clubs which we regularly offer to the children.

September 2015

This financial year (2015/16) we received £9,300 PE and Sports Grant. We have chosen to allocate a large proportion of our PE funding to additional and sustainable improvement of our outdoor provision for the children.

The KS2 children themselves have been responsible for designing our trim trail. The children have chosen each component of the trail and put it together in a workable

sequence. The project has involved a degree of planning, excavation and installation. We hope to be using the trail by the Spring Term 2016.

Details of how the PE and Sports Grant has been spent in 2015/2016

- Regularly used PE equipment. (Football, tennis balls and skipping ropes) have been replenished to continue to allow children access to popular sporting activities.
- Investment in specialist health and safety equipment:
 - Metal ‘n’ shaped pegs to secure football goals
 - Replacement parts for football goals
 - Shin pads for competitive football fixtures and competitions (boys and girls)
- Transport to inter-council and regional sporting competitions
- Purchase of storage units to allow children’s independent daily access to sports equipment.
- Skipping specialist visited school to demonstrate a range of skipping games/activities and encourage future participation.
- Purchase of curling stones – encourage participation in alternative sporting activities.
- Investment in staff cover, to allow specialist PE school staff to train/support NQT staff.

September 2016

We are currently awaiting further PE and Sports Funding for this financial year. Plans are currently being drawn up and we are intending spending a significant amount of the grant on EYFS and Key Stage 1 outdoor provision.

Impact

During recent years, St Bertelina’s has benefitted immensely from the Primary PE and Sport Grant. The impact of this funding could/can be seen in the participation in the various sports clubs run during and after school, eg athletics, netball, football, cricket, curling, golf etc. The children are keen to attend and have the opportunity to use their new found skills in various competitions, eg table tennis competition, swimming gala etc. We are regularly asked to represent Halton in the Merseyside Youth Games as well as to participate in the Cheshire County Finals for cricket boys and girls (Summer 2015).

The most significant impact can be seen in the children's positive attitude and increase in self-esteem as well as their ability to work collaboratively; also in the fun and determination they display whilst involved in the various activities. Many children exposed to these activities have since continued to involve themselves in the various sports at club level. (Please see our website club link for further details).

Parents have commented on how grateful they are for the many opportunities presented to the children and also how much they have enjoyed accessing our new sports and activities.

Participation and attainment in PE and sport at an individual and school level remains high. The Headteacher's termly report to Governors substantiates this.

Plans for the future (PE and Sports Grant)

In the coming months we are hoping that the Early Year's area of the school will benefit from a renewed play surface which will greatly enhance the physical play experience outdoors for our Foundation Stage children. We are also hoping to plan and design a trim trail particularly with the KS1 children in mind.

In addition to this we are planning on increasing our range of more unusual sporting clubs and adding an 'Archery Club' to our repertoire.