

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Primary School

PE and Sport Funding (2017-18)

At St Augustine's, we 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 Sport's Funding will enable us to continue and extend our provision through employing additional sports professionals, entering into more competitive sports competitions and training our staff to deliver in-house quality PE sessions.

What is the Sports Premium?

The government is providing funding of £150 million per annum for the academic years 2015/16 and possibly up to 2020 to provide substantial primary school sport funding. The 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. Each school will receive approximately £17,000. This money can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

Purpose of the 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 of the funding include:

- Hiring specialist 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 material for PE/sport
- Providing places for pupils on after school sport clubs and residential visits

Overall aims for PE at St Augustine's for 2017/18

- Increase participation and success in competitive sports
- Identify and provide opportunities PE after school
- Improve physical well-being and health of all pupils
- Provide professional development opportunities for staff to further improve quality of PE provision **(through direct training and observation of specialist coaches)**
- Trial the "Daily Mile"

Each class at present will have dedicated PE lessons timetabled each week and over the course of the year will develop their skills in Games lessons, gymnastics and dance. In addition, we organise a residential school journey in Yr 6 so that the children can cover the 'Adventurous Activities' aspect of the curriculum. They experience climbing, abseiling, canoeing, forest skills, swimming, adventure walks, high ropes and low ropes. Years 2-6 also visit the local adventure playground (The Dumps) to develop a sense of adventure. The school takes part in a variety of inter school sports competitions, as well as organising competitive events within school and an annual Sports Day, using Sedgehill Secondary School grounds.

Yrs 4 attended sport sessions at Sedgehill led by Yr 10 pupils (part of their GCSE module) and dance at Bonus Pastor Catholic Secondary School. The school has also been part of the "grassroots" tennis initiative organised by the local tennis club and the Go-cycling project.

The school successfully runs a number of successful and oversubscribed afterschool clubs: street dance, gymnastics, basketball, games and multiskills. 80% of Year 6 children are able to swim 25 metres.

In addition, St Augustine's has been awarded the Gold School Sport's Award.

This year 2017-18 we continued to employ experienced Sport Coaches from Progressive Sports to continue to help St Augustine's to deliver outstanding PE provision.