

St Martin's Catholic Primary School

Sports Funding Policy

Policy for Sports Funding Overview

The government has provided additional funding of £150 million per annum 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 head-teachers.

The 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
- To encourage lifelong participation in sporting activities

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 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 e.g. 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.
- Where necessary we will consider hiring specialist coaches to support our PE e.g. Premier Sport, Cricket, Judo, Yoga etc.
- We will engage MDA's and play leaders in encouraging active playground games and activities e.g. skipping.
- We will aim to increase the repertoire of sport activities on offer at St Martins e.g. archery, handball.
- We will continue to support the teaching of swimming to all KS2 children so that they are competent, confident and proficient in swimming 25 metres can use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue by the time they leave St Martins. We will also begin to support the teaching of swimming with Key Stage 1 children in Year 2.
- We will give opportunities to participate in different activities during our residential visits e.g. orienteering, assault courses, kayaking etc.
- We will continue to hold an annual Sports Day in which we encourage the participation of all children in the form of competitive races etc.

Our aim is to engage and inspire as many of our children as possible to participate in PE and Sport both at school and home as part of their daily lives.