What is the PE and sport premium for primary schools?

Since 2013, the Government have spent millions on improving physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools.

Schools must use the funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of physical education (PE), physical activity and sport that we offer.

This means that we use the premium to:

Develop or add to the PE, physical activity and sport activities that your school already offers

Build capacity and capability within the school to ensure that improvements made now will benefit pupils joining the school in future years

There are five key indicators we use to secure improvements:

The engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity – the Chief Medical Officer guidelines recommend that all children and young people aged 5 to 18 engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day, of which 30 minutes should be in school

The profile of PE and sport is raised across the school as a tool for whole-school improvement

Increased confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport

Broader experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils

Increased participation in competitive sport

For example, we can use our funding to:

Provide staff with professional development, mentoring, training and resources to help them teach PE and sport more effectively and embed physical activity across your school

Hire qualified sports coaches to work with teachers to enhance or extend current opportunities

Introduce new sports, dance or other activities to encourage more pupils to take up sport and physical activities

Support and involve the least active children by providing targeted activities, and running or extending school sports and holiday clubs

Enter or run more sport competitions

Collaborate with other schools to run sports activities and clubs

Increase pupils' participation in the School Games

Encourage pupils to take on leadership or volunteer roles that support sport and physical activity within the school

Raise attainment in primary school swimming to meet requirements of the national curriculum before the end of key stage 2

Embed physical activity into the school day through active travel to and from school, active playgrounds and active teaching

The government has committed to allocating the "Sports Premium" to provide new and 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 schools to spend on improving the quality of sport and PE for all their children.

In 2018 -19, schools will receive £16,000 plus an additional sum per pupil. Money can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.

As a school, we have attained high standards in a range of sports, and have targeted funding to engage more pupils in sports, to further up-skill the staff, to provide enrichment opportunities for all pupils including more able pupils and to improve resources for teaching and assessment.