

Leighton Academy Sports Funding

The government is providing additional funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 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 - will be allocated to primary school head teachers 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. OFSTED will play a significant role in ensuring that schools target this funding in areas which will lead to clear outcomes in raising standards and opportunities in PE and school sport for all children throughout the Primary Phase. All schools will receive a lump sum of £8,000 plus a premium of £5 per pupil for the next two academic years.

Purpose of funding

Schools must spend the additional 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 might include:

- hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work with primary teachers when teaching PE
- supporting and engaging the least active children through new or additional Change4Life clubs
- paying for professional development opportunities for teachers in PE and sport
- providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE and sport
- running sport competitions, or increasing pupils' participation in the School Games
- buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE and sport
- providing places for pupils on after school sports clubs and holiday clubs
- pooling the additional funding with that of other local schools.

Accountability

From September 2013, schools will be held to account over how they spend their 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.

One year on, Ofsted will carry out a survey reporting on the first year's expenditure of additional funding and its impact.

Schools will also be required to include details of their provision of PE and sport on their website, alongside details of their broader curriculum, so that parents can compare sports provision between schools, both within and beyond the school day.

Funding Period

The additional funding will be paid to eligible schools in the academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015.

How will Leighton be using the funding?

- We have identified areas of the PE curriculum where staff would like CPD to improve the quality of their teaching. As a result, specialist coaches have been brought in for dance and gymnastics. Class teachers will be working alongside the coach to plan and assess lessons and must take an active role in each PE lesson to ensure effective PE.
- The school will offer a variety of sports clubs during and after school in the spring and summer term. These will be run by members of staff, in addition to using outside providers for clubs. These clubs will be based on feedback from the children about what sports they would like to take part in, in order to increase participation.
- Additional PE sessions for pupil premium and less able children run by local sports coaches to ensure these children can take part in inter competitions to include more than one team.
- To provide specialist athletics coaching for all children from year 2 in order to achieve core basic skills early to improve their performance later on.

Additional PE projects

In addition to the allocation of funding to improve the quality of PE in our school, the PE Coordinator and other staff in school have been working on a number of other areas to continue to raise the standard of PE in school. This includes:

- Providing training for identified children in football for year 4, 5 and 6 children to ensure that the teams can enter more competitions and tournaments.
- Buying new kit for children attending events and competitions outside school.
- Working alongside Bentley to design a 'house point' system for sports across the school based on Bentley cars.
- Working with staff to ensure that children participate in at least 3 intra school competitions or tournaments throughout the year, linked to the PE curriculum.
- Involving the school council in a school games council to gather the ideas of the children in preparation for this year's 'school games day' (formally sports day).
- Development of Play leader scheme to involve year 5 children in a training programme during PE lessons.
- To continue to work on specific targets in order to raise the School Games Kite mark to gold within the next 2 years.