

Sports Premium Funding 2020 - 2021

In March 2013, the government announced that it would provide £150 million per annum to improve the provision of physical education and sport in primary schools. Since this announcement the government committed to continue this provision up to 2020.

The Hendreds has steadily invested in P.E., including the outdoor environment and personnel, over many years. We believe that being active, across P.E. lessons, playtimes, field trips and competitions has a profoundly positive impact on health, spiritual and social development and attitude to physical activity in future life. Listening to children and parents' wishes, we have made P.E. a prominent and highly regarded part of our curriculum.

In the academic year 2020-21 we received a grant of £17,250.00. This helped us meet the costs of our Specialist Sports Provision (£12,227.50) using the company Ignite Sports, whom we have worked with since 2005. Judo lessons have been an important part of our PE curriculum for over twenty years. Due to the nature of the sport, with close physical contact being a given, it was not possible for Mr. Gerrans to work in school during the 2020-21 school year due to pandemic restrictions. This led to a shortfall in spending on the Sports Premium.

As a result of COVID-19, it was not possible to offer our usual provision of swimming instruction for our Year 3s, and we have no swimming data for our 2020/21 for the Year 6s. Children who have missed swimming over the past two academic years will make up that time in the next two academic years. This year, the current Year 4 and Year 5 cohorts will have ten hours of swimming lessons. Next year, the current Year 2 and 3 cohorts (who will be Year 3 and 4 next year) will also receive ten hours of swimming lessons. The swimming sessions that were to be provided in each academic year will be funded from the curriculum budget. Additional catch-up sessions will be paid for using funding from the Sports Premium.

Although schools can choose to use the PE and Sports Premium grant to provide additional provision for swimming, The Hendreds has chosen not to. Swimming is an important skill and can encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. All Local Authority schools must provide swimming instruction either in Key stage 1 or Key stage 2. We choose to focus our swimming lessons on our Year 3 pupils. The programme of study for PE sets out the expectation that pupils should be taught to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Our former Head Teacher (who retired in April 2020) and current Head Teacher are both qualified to coach a range of sports, and are P.E. specialists. They led and monitored the PE curriculum delivered by the school teaching staff and our specialist providers. This has allowed us to truly promote our sporting ethos, for all children. Pupils have had access to two hours of P.E. per week, plus a minimum of six competitive tournaments per year. In addition, this academic year has seen our extra curriculum provision expanded to offer enrichment sports clubs after school 2-3 times a week. These clubs are run by our specialist sports coaches and external instructors e.g. Dance club.

Our annual Key Stage 2 Pupil Questionnaire consistently shows that sports events, school PE and outside play are most often mentioned as three of the 'brilliant things' about our school. We regularly refresh the stock of equipment for Sport and PE. Last year, this amounted to £528.00.

In the academic year 2021/22 we anticipate a grant of £17,460.00 to be spent on our Specialist Sports Provision and equipment.