



Cypress Primary School

PE Sports Funding

Period: 2023/24



Overview

At Cypress Primary School we have been awarded **£21,090** in the academic year of 2023/2024. This funding has allowed us to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. The funding – provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport – has been allocated to primary school headteachers.

Specifically it will be allocated to work towards our aims of:

- Increased participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments;
- Increased opportunity for children who demonstrate ability in sports to access better coaching;
- Improved resources and facilities for PE and School Sport;
- Improved PE teaching through the development of teachers and other providers;
- Improved enjoyment in sport and increased uptake of sporting opportunities.

At Cypress Primary School our primary focus for the sports funding will be on the professional development of all staff. Teachers and teaching assistants will have the opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and understanding, based on self-assessment, in specific areas of the PE curriculum, such as gymnastics and cricket.

Funding will enable our PE Lead to attend subject network meetings which provide advice on how to best monitor and evaluate the quality of teaching, outcomes for pupils and the impact of the PESSCL strategy. The network meetings also create the opportunity to forge links in the local community and cluster of schools.

At Cypress we will continue to improve participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments, we have planned for a Pegasus Athletic Tournament in the summer at Croydon Arena as well as a Pegasus Football Tournament. We will also introduce a fun competitive tournament for KS1 and a basketball festival across KS2. Our focus will also be to engage more girls to participate in a range of sports and we will use the funding to take part in local community sporting events.

The funding will allow us to fund specialist providers, giving opportunities for children to develop skills in a wider range of sports, improve their fitness levels and develop a better understanding of the importance of physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. We will purchase new equipment and resources to allow pupils to access these sports.

Expenditure (approximate):

£1,374	Competitions & Tournaments
£1,832	PE Equipment
£6,000	Lunchtime support sports coaches
£3,408	Extended school activities - TA support/safeguarding
£700	Playdowns safety check equipment
£600	CPD Cricket
£3,645	Forest School/Turf sports lower
£2,897	Football Team matches/training

£20,456 TOTAL for this financial year

Summary of impact

The impact of the new primary school sport funding on pupils' lifestyles and physical well-being has been evaluated on these factors:

We have continued to fund sports coaches in KS2 to co-ordinate and implement team games, this has meant that more children are accessing more physical activity throughout playtimes and lunch times and this is supporting health and fitness as well as behaviour.

The school has invested in a range of new PE equipment for the curriculum and activity clubs, this has meant that children have a variety of equipment to improve their skills and have access to a range of new sports activity clubs.

Our Extended Services Leader organises an extensive range of alternative sports and after school clubs, this has enabled pupils of all abilities and interests to participate. The sports activities are designed to aid social and physical development and fitness within an enjoyable sporting environment. These range from forest club, ballet, croquet, badminton to football and gymnastics. Regular after school sessions strengthen the achievement and enjoyment of all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities and pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

We have additionally funded TA support for all activity clubs, this has meant that TA confidence and skills have improved when implementing games at lunch/break times but also this has enhanced our safeguarding procedures.

At Cypress we entered a range of competitions and tournaments this year which included mixed football teams, cricket, athletics, cross-country, year 2 relay festival and a basketball tournament which catered for all classes across KS2. We have also used the funding to bring in specialist coaches to engage more girls with sport, this included sessions for girls' football at lunchtimes and on Friday 8th March the girls took part in a Croydon event supported by Crystal Palace for Life Foundation. These competitions have led to increased pupil participation which has elevated a positive attitude towards sport and being active. It has also had an impact of greater community engagement with parents and families coming together to watch these sporting events.

Percentage meeting the national curriculum requirement to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations: 67% by the end of Year 6.

Next academic year 2024-25

For next academic year we will continue using the funding to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation. Specifically it will be allocated to work towards our on-going aims as stated above.