



Ecclesbourne Primary School

PE Sports Funding

Period: 2021 – 2022



Overview

At Ecclesbourne Primary School we were awarded £19,460 in the academic year of 2021/2022. This funding 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 schools and we used it specifically to work towards our aims of

- 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
- Increased participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments
- Advanced skills and knowledge in different areas of the PE Curriculum
- Increased training opportunities for staff and continued professional development

At Ecclesbourne Primary School we have continued with our mindfulness and yoga sessions to KS1 & KS2 children by specialist tutors to develop their emotional awareness and develop the tools and habits that will continue to support their mental and emotional wellbeing.

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.

At Ecclesbourne we have continued to improve participation in competitive sports and inter-school tournaments, we will be purchasing a new mini bus to assist us in participating in a range of events in the local community.

In the summer we will be focusing on intensive swimming lessons to enable as many children in Year 6 to achieve the national curriculum requirements 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.

Expenditure (approximate)

£4,500	Salary for lunchtime supervisor lead KS2
£3,000	Year 6 intensive swimming course
£2,370	Football teams/training/matches
£720	Equipment/resources
£2,500	Specialised PE expert to contribute to whole school improvement
£500	African dance workshop
£3,700	Wellbeing and Yoga KS1 and KS2
£959	TA support for extra-curricular clubs
£339	Competitions/athletics/tournaments
£400	Platform cricket – CPD
£288	Annual maintenance and safety check/repairs PE

£19,276 TOTAL

Success criteria

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

We entered a range of competitions and tournaments this year which included girls' and boys' football teams, cricket league, athletics, cross-country and competed in the netball league. We were very fortunate this academic year to have sporting success with both the boys' and girls' football teams winning their individual leagues. Ecclesbourne also triumphed in the Croydon sports athletics, cricket and cross-country, this competitive success has led to increased pupil participation and an increased 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. We have had a better turn out from parents at these events than in previous years.

Across KS1 & KS2 we have introduced a wellbeing and yoga tutor to deliver mindfulness and yoga sessions to help to increase concentration, improve memory, combat stress, build resilience and feelings of happiness, all of which promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

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.

This year we have continued to fund a specialised PE expert to upskill staff and contribute to whole school improvement. In autumn/spring the PE expert's role has been to work alongside the ECTs at Ecclesbourne to further their skills and knowledge. As well as mentoring the PE working group (PWG) and to develop them as 'in house' experts able to work alongside those less confident in PE.

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 badminton, dance, ballet, field games 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 introduced TA support to our extra-curricular activities, to further enhance safeguarding and to allow TAs to develop new skills.

We have provided Year 6 children the opportunity to attend an intensive 10-day course for them to gain confidence in the water and meet the national requirements. This cohort of children had their curriculum offer of swimming disrupted by the pandemic and, as such, lacked water confidence with many never having been swimming before. From a very low starting point, the percentage of Year 6 children able 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: 38%

Next academic year 2022 -2023

For this 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.