

Sports Funding

What is the Sports Funding?

After the 2012 Olympics the government committed to providing additional funding to 2015 to improve sports provision (PE) primary schools. This funding is provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport and is allocated to all primary schools.

The funding is only to be spent on sport and will go directly to the school, where the Head, teachers and governors will decide what is best for their children's needs. This could vary from specialist coaching, teacher training to after-school clubs. Schools will be held to account for how they spend the money via Ofsted in order to ensure the funding is bringing the maximum benefit for all pupils.

Sports Funding – How it works at Purston Infant School

At Purston Infant School our philosophy is to give all children 'the best start' through a nurturing environment. We have high aspirations for all children and endeavour to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, which includes quality PE. We are pleased to receive the extra funding and will allocate the funding effectively so that children are given every opportunity to participate in a range of sports activities in school. The tables below show the sports funding allocation for the year and how we intend to apportion the money.

Funding overview 2019-20		
Total amount of Sports Funding	£16,991 + £9000 carry forward from 18\19	
Breakdown of expenditure 2019-20	Estimate	Actual spend
F S Playground equipment renewal and upgrade	£7450	
Continue to employ a sports coach to work with all full time children from UFS-Year 2, providing weekly sessions on athletics, tennis, football, team games, rounders and rugby skills. Continue to employ at lunchtime 2 days a week for sporting activities enhancing lunchtime play. Recommence free After School Club for targeted children on Tuesdays	35 weeks x 9hrs £5500	
Purchase resources to support and assess PE sessions and after school clubs focused on active sports and team games in Foundation	£260	
Book Forest school days to improve children's engagement with outdoor physical activities, developing confidence and self-esteem as well as provide staff training to become sustainable	£150 per day x 25 weeks £3750	
Purchase medals and stickers to encourage participation and competitiveness in sports day.	£210	
Purchase MUGA equipment to be placed around school for all weather usage.	£8,500	
Purchase Bug Magnifier posts for both playgrounds and the field and fit	£1040	
Hi-Vis jackets for adults and children walking to pyramid sports event	30	
	Total £ 26,740	

Impact of 2019-20

Yet again, the sports coaching sessions have had an outstanding impact on the children's learning and development of PE. The sport coach continues to build a positive rapport with all children from UFS to Year 2. Teachers have had the opportunity to work alongside Luke to develop their teaching of PE.

Through completing 'children's voice' questionnaires at the end of the previous year (2018-2020), a common wish from the children was that they wanted to play football more in school. This was addressed, and the sports coach focused on football activities for one-half term. This was a success!

Resources were purchased to enhance the quality of PE sessions. Good quality resources are now available for each PE session. The children are happy with the new equipment, especially the footballs.

Weekly Forest School sessions have been a triumph with children, parents and staff. Teachers have worked closely with the forest school leader to ensure outdoor learning has linked to Topics and the curriculum. In particular, Science has been a focus during the sessions. Children have learned about habitats, and then had a go at making their very own microhabitat for a creature. All children have been involved Forest Schools, from LFS to Year 2.

In early Spring, MUGA equipment was installed on the field, and near the playground. The equipment promotes keeping active during playtimes and dinner times. Children cannot wait to access the exciting apparatus. The equipment is robust, and is easy to clean. Children are much more active during their time outside.

In addition, we have had more community involvement by inviting Featherstone Rovers into school to teach early rugby to KS1. The free sessions run by Paul March have been very fun and active. Children have learned new ball skills, and teachers have learnt how to teach rugby to young children. Due to the success of the sessions, we will be inviting Paul March to complete sessions in the near future.