

PE Sports Grant Information – 2017/2018

Funding for Primary School PE and Sports - Introduction

This year the government is doubling the amount of funding given to schools to improve the Physical Education (PE) and Sports programmes offered by primary schools. Schools must spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, though how they do this is their decision.

Suggested uses of the PE and Sports Grant include the following:

- Hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers when teaching PE
- Paying for professional development opportunities in PE/sport
- Providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE/sport
- Running sport competitions, or increasing participation in the school games
- Buying quality assured professional development modules or material for PE/sport
- Providing places for pupils on after school sport clubs and residential visits

However, this funding cannot be spent on employing coaches from outside companies to cover planning, preparation and assessment arrangements or to teach the minimum requirements of the national curriculum (including those for swimming).

Chichester Free School's Funding 2017-2018 - Spending

Chichester Free School will receive in total a PE and Sports Grant of £18,980 for the academic year 2017-18. We received 7/12 on 1st November 2017 and will receive the remaining 5/12 on the 1st May. Therefore, we have detailed here how we have used some of the grant money already and how we are planning to spend the remaining funds. Each point details what we have/will spend the grant on, how this has/will impact on pupils' participation and attainment, and how the improvements will be sustainable in the future.

- An extensive programme of CPD for the year 2017-2018, specifically designed for teachers of Physical Education. These have been in areas of highlighted development for staff including: gymnastics, dance and outdoor adventurous activities. This has led to staff being up-skilled by specific and relevant training improving the quality of teaching and learning. This has led to an increase in engagement for pupils and staff in the curriculum and increased progress in these areas. This training will help to make the quality of the curriculum high quality, as this training can now be re-delivered in-house.
- Purchased new, age-specific sports equipment for primary phase teaching which has helped to develop their fundamental movement skills. This equipment included sensory balls for reception age pupils, junior kwik cricket kits, netball hoops and rugby, football and netball balls which are smaller in size and age appropriate.

We also purchased 30 lightweight mats, which were more suitable for primary pupils to handle. These are extensively used for gymnastics in curriculum time and after school. The impact of this is that pupils are better able to learn the skills to play these sports effectively as the equipment is specifically for their age group. This means teaching has also been more targeted and appropriate and has led to faster progress and improved attitude towards these sports.

- Membership to the West Sussex West School Sports Partnership. This give us access to fixtures and tournaments, which has enabled us to begin involving ourselves in more competitive sport, with pupils from the primary school representing in cross country, hockey and athletics so far this year. The impact is that pupils are involving themselves more fully in the wider life of the school and having the opportunity for competitive experiences. This is sustainable as the WSW Partnership is bought into by all the primary schools in the area, creating excellent links with other schools for fixtures and competitions in the future. It also gives us access to an additional programme of primary-specific professional development opportunities for staff, such as a bespoke CPD session run at our school site, specific to the needs of our staff, skills and facilities.
- With the additional funding being received in May, the School will be using some of this money to purchase new equipment for our new school site. By buying this equipment we will be able to fully utilise the new facilities by offering extensive new curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities for our pupils such as trampolining, handball, lacrosse and short tennis. This will enable the School to host sports competitions and tournaments making our partnership with schools in the community stronger. In addition, because the pupils will have access to a wider variety of sports and this will enable them to participate in “School Games” competitions. This will also help to create a culture of participation for both staff and students that will ‘snowball’ and inspire future cohorts.

Swimming

Meeting the Swimming Requirements

Currently our primary age pupils fulfil their swimming requirements in Year 4 where they swim once a week for the complete academic year, via an external company (this is not paid from the PE and Sports Grant). We ensure that all pupils by the end of this year are fully proficient in swimming over a distance of at least 25 metres, can use a range of strokes effectively and can perform self-rescue in different water-based situations. In our current Year 6 cohort, 29 of our 30 pupils meet this statutory guidance. The pupil who is unable to meet this requirement joined the school after Year 4 and hence missed their swimming provision. There are steps being taken to ensure that in subsequent years, any student that joins the school after the swimming lessons have been provided in the curriculum will be supported to catch up.



Development of Swimming

Part of the PE and sports grant funding is also being used to increase the quality of the programme of swimming at Chichester Free School. To sustain the current level of provision we will be investing in CPD for existing staff to qualify with the STA (Swim Teachers Association) and the relevant safety courses. This will involve the costs for: STA Level 2 Award in Swimming Teaching (x2); STA Level 2 Certificate in Swimming Teaching (x1); and STA Pool Safety Award (x3).

The impact of this is that students will make better progress in their swimming, as they will have longer swimming sessions, delivered by high quality, certified teachers. It will mean that the School will be able to track the progress of the pupils more effectively and target any who are not meeting the statutory requirements.

As part of the 'Swim Group' project's recommendations (Swim England, 2017), this training will also help to foster more after school swimming opportunities. We will be able to develop suitable and appropriate links between our school and community aquatic opportunities, such as Clubs; Open Water swimming; water sports (i.e. surfing, paddle boarding). It may also lead to the development of a Primary Swim Team or club, that could attend local competitions and galas.

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