



Sports Premium Statement – September, 2015

What is the Sports Premium?

The government is continuing to provide funding of £150 million per annum for the academic year 2015/16 to provide additional and sustainable improvements to PE and sport for the benefit of all pupils and to encourage the development of healthy and active life styles. The funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and will see money going directly to primary school headteachers to spend on improving the quality of PE and sport for all their children. Each school will receive £8,000 plus an extra £5 per pupil each year for the next two years - here at Dunston Hill that will mean £9,416 this year. The money can only be spent on PE and sport provision in schools.

Purpose of the Funding

All schools have to spend the sport funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but there is freedom to choose how we do it.

At Dunston Hill we recognise the contribution of PE to the health and well-being of the children. In addition, we believe that an innovative and varied PE curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities have a positive influence on the concentration, attitude and academic achievement of all children.

Use of the Funding at Dunston Hill

The money will be used so that all children benefit regardless of their sporting ability. We will continue to place a high priority on our PE provision and, as such, have invested in additional staffing and resources to further enhance the PE curriculum as well as extra-curricular sports during lunchtime and after schools clubs.

1. Dunston Hill has bought into the Gateshead School Sport Partnership at premium service level (£2,400). This gives access to intra-school games competitions and festivals and involves our children in a range of disciplines and activities from Reception to Year 6, including boys' football, bikeability, Change4Life, cross country, dance, girls' football, Hi5 netball, kwik cricket, mini-basketball, multi-skills, rounders, quadkids athletics, sportshall athletics, swimming etc. The agreement also includes staff training and network meetings for our PE subject leader.



Last year we were one of only two primary schools in Gateshead to receive the prestigious Gold Sainsbury's School Games Mark Award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport.

We were also proud to receive a second consecutive Gold Kitemark Award in recognition of our outstanding hard work and commitment to sustaining a sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics. During the course of the year we were the recipients of seven 'BTT' value marks as part of the Gateshead School Sport Partnership's programme "Blazing the Trail".



2. We have allocated funding (£1,000) to support the professional development of our PE subject leader. Miss Rooney is attending a nationally accredited certificate course this year delivered by the Gateshead School Sport Partnership to increase her pedagogical knowledge, skills and understanding. She will then put this to good use and receive weekly non-contact time to work alongside and upskill other members of staff.
3. We have set aside a sum of money (£6,016) to employ a sports coach, Mr Parsons, to deliver a range of extra-curricular sports during lunchtimes and after school (two evenings). This additional provision is intended to encourage active participation by a wider group of children across the school. He is also qualified to work alongside specialist staff at the local leisure centre to deliver quality swimming lessons each week to our Year 5 and 6 children. Last year 96% of our leavers were able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, using a range of strokes effectively, which was much higher than the national average.
4. Following the announcement that the Sports Premium funding will continue through to 2020, we are working with our local School Sport Partnership provider to create a long term development plan for PE and school sport. Our overall aims are to provide the best possible provision for our pupils, both in and out of school, maintain our Gold School Games Mark and Kitemark Awards, and to be rated as outstanding in all areas of PE and sport.

It is essential to the school's continued development and commitment to physical education that the sports premium is used in a managed, sustainable manner. Some schools have invested the grant fully in external providers or into facilities and resources, but are neglecting staff training. The impact of this funding must be longer term, embedding enjoyment of physical activity and healthy living at the heart of everything we do.

We hope that this gives you an insight into the opportunities offered to our pupils with the investment of the Sports Premium Funding. Perhaps Dunston Hill is already nurturing the sportsmen and women of the future, maybe even Olympians!