

Sports Premium

The government announced, in March 2013, that it was to provide considerable additional funding to improve provision of Physical Education (PE) and sport in primary schools in England - The Primary PE & Sport Premium.

This funding - provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport - is allocated to primary school headteachers. The funding is ring-fenced and can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools.

Purpose of funding:

Schools must spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they have the freedom to choose how they do this.

The four objectives of the Primary PE and Sport Premium funding are:

- To improve the quality of existing PE teaching through continuing professional learning in PE for generalists, so that all primary pupils improve their health, skills and physical literacy, and have broader exposure to a range of sports
- To increase participation levels in competitive sport and healthy activity of pupils, and maintain these into adolescence
- To increase the quality of initial teacher training in PE and sport, and to promote PE specialisation in primary level workforce
- For schools to show that they understand and value the benefits of high quality PE and sport, including its use as a tool for whole school improvement

How St Anne's spends its Sports Premium funding to meet these points:

Table 1, below, outlines the total additional PE budget for 2016-17. Much of the spending covers external coaching provided through the company The Little Runners who provide lunchtime, staff CPD and coaching when taking children out to local competitions. Additional costs are equipment and entry costs to non-School Games competitions which the school enters.

Table 1- showing cost outlines for budgeted PE and sports spending for the academic year 2016-17

Coaching				
Activity	Rate	Hours per week	Weeks/ sessions	Total
Lunch time sessions	£ 40.00	5.00	39	£ 7,800.00
Weekly Football league (boys')	£ 25.00	2.00	15	£ 750.00
Weekly Football league (girls')	£ 25.00	2.00	8	£ 400.00
School Games and other full day competitions	£ 25.00	6.00	15	£ 2,250.00
Staff CPD	£ 25.00	1.00	1	£ 25.00
		Total:		£ 11,225.00

The funding breakdown shows that the vast majority of funding is spent on coaching provision. This provides children with high quality coaching during lunchtimes; provides greater opportunity for children to enter competitions as coaches take more children out of school for external competitions and also provides staff with CPD sessions during the academic year.

Quality first PE lessons are ensured through the year as children have one of their two hours of curriculum provision provided through coached sessions delivered by external coaching company The Little Runners. Please note that these sessions are not funded by Sports Premium money but obviously have a great impact on the quality of PE the children are accessing through the curriculum at St Anne's.

The additional PE lesson a child at St Anne's has access to during the week is led by class teachers so it is important that the school ensures that staff are developed effectively to allow them to deliver high quality PE lessons. Part of the Sports Premium goes towards developing staff through staff meetings delivered by external, specialist coaches.

To raise the profile of sport within the school, children partake in regular external competitions such as the Wednesday Afternoon Lambeth Football League; the School Games competitions and additional privately run sports competitions. Weekly match reports published in the school newsletter for the football leagues (boys' in the Autumn terms and girls' in the Summer terms) ensure that sports at St Anne's remains in the spot light.

A smaller proportion of funding is spent on equipment to be used both as part of the curriculum but also to support 'Sports Stop' sessions ran by Year 5 students to promote movement at lunchtimes. These sessions have a real multi-beneficial to them as they provide for the needs of the children partaking in physical activity, while also providing a means for coaching development at a young age.