

Levens CE Primary School - Sport Provision Strategy

2019-2020

How we spend our Sports and PE funding

Since 2013, schools have received a Government Sports and PE funding grant, provided to improve sports and PE provision. We currently receive an annual block grant of £16000 plus £10 per pupil.

We decide how to spend this through auditing resources, consulting on provision, identification of our aims and by measuring the impact and sustainability of our provision.

The sports/PE we are required to teach as part of the National Curriculum are team games, dance, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, outdoor and adventurous activities; the curriculum also covers keeping fit and healthy.

Our aims to improve sports/PE provision at Levens School:

- To increase provision for **promoting fitness, healthy lifestyles** and general '**wellbeing**' for our pupils;
- To increase opportunities for our **pupils to participate in shared sports events and competitions** with other schools locally;
- To **improve sporting outcomes** and individual sporting ability;
- To **offer new sporting opportunities** that take maximum advantage of our excellent local environment
- To **broaden the range of sports/PE we offer** our pupils
- To **increase opportunities to use specialist facilities and resources** at with other local secondary schools and other external providers.
- To **improve the quality of our PE teaching**, ensuring that all lessons are at least good and often outstanding
- To improve our **provision for both SEND and more able and talented pupils** in sports/PE
- To **improve the quality and range of school resources** for school deployment
- To **monitor and evaluate the resulting added value** that enhancements to provision and opportunities have offered
- To **ensure sustainability of improvements into the longer term**

In 2019-2020 (academic year), we will receive £16572 and we are using this to improve our provision by:

- Developing the school playground, renovating the tarmac areas to ensure a safer surface with a reduced camber to facilitate a fuller range of activities (£8850);
- Remarking the playground with activity focussed areas, including a running circuit (£1600);
- Contribution towards the provision of a cycle/scooter shelter to encourage pupils to cycle to school (£1956);
- Undertaking a whole school skipping workshop and purchase of skipping resources to develop new skills and encourage greater activity at playtime and lunchtimes for children; and CPD for all staff (£235);
- Enhancement of the outdoor 'trim-trail' (£1719);
- Subsidy of outdoor adventurous activity residential for Scafell Class (£729);
- Continuing our partnership with Dallam Secondary School, Milnthorpe, via their 'Primary Package', to extend our pupils' participation in a comprehensive tournament package that facilitates competition between local primary schools in a range of sports. (£250);
- Providing a range of sports/PE opportunities in school, led by sports professionals/ coaches in curriculum time and in lunchtime clubs. This expertise is used to introduce pupils to new sports, encourage more pupils to take up sport and to provide professional development for staff. These have included: dance and gymnastics (£1233).

Impact (and future aims)

The impact of provision 2018-19 and 2019-2020 has been excellent, helping us to meet of our aims (listed above). Evidence includes:

- Pupils are very enthusiastic. Participation in after school sporting activities continues to be a school high point with close to 60% of eligible pupils participating in after school running club, over 40% in dance club and over 28% participating in football club.
- School actively seeks to introduce pupils to new opportunities such as Skipping skills, and outdoor education themed activities. Pupils were surveyed in July 2019 to assess the impact if the Levens strategy and to identify areas for further development. Responses were overwhelmingly positive – ‘we all work as a team, and it is fun playing against other schools, especially when we win – but it doesn’t matter if we don’t’, ‘I like the competitiveness!', ‘taking part and preparing is great fun.’
- School is committed to developing skills from Early Years and has continued to enhance facilities with the needs of younger pupils in mind, this includes enhancement to the trim-trail at a lower accessible level.
- The provision of an enhanced playground surface with markings to include an activity trail will ensure that pupils can continue to enjoy sports through break and lunch breaks, maximising opportunities and creating an active, healthy culture.
- Parents are enthusiastic, encouraging and very supportive; helping with transport and general support at local representational events, helping the school to raise the profile of both competitive and participational sport. This allows the school to be aspirational in its approach.
- Focus and development of targeted sports in 18-19 has secured recent success in recent previous years. School continues to enjoy and participate well at local primary competitions including Key Steps gymnastics final and cross country team championships pupil qualifying to run at county trials.
- Competition for places to represent the school is now very keen, pupils are committed to improving their skills and a deeper understanding of the level of commitment needed to secure team success and/or personal fulfilment.
- Levels of attendance at weekly sessions remain consistently over 90% of participants, evidencing both commitment and enjoyment of the sporting provision on offer.
- PE subject leader has attended co-ordinator meetings, and CPD opportunities, increasing her skills and knowledge and the school continues to evaluate pupil progress via a comprehensive software package.
- As parent and pupil feedback continues to request additional extra-curricular/inter-school PE/sports opportunities, this will be a continued aim for next year.

The school remains aspirational that all pupils throughout the school are actively engaged in some additional sport or physical activity as a direct result of experiences enjoyed through our sport provision during 18/19.

Evidence of our achievement in sport can also be seen on our school website:
www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk