

## **Funding for PE Provision in Schools**

The government is providing additional funding of £150 million per annum for academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015 to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding - provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport - will be allocated to primary school headteachers.

This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools.

Allocations have been calculated using data from the January 2013 school census. Pupils in eligible schools in year groups 1 to 6 are included, plus pupils aged 5 or older in reception year. The January 2013 census records the age of pupils on 31 August 2012. You can access the [census data](#) via the link on this page.

The grant for 2013 to 2014 is paid in 2 instalments. Schools will receive the second payment in April 2014.

### **Funding is based on the number of pupils**

DfE guidance on the conditions of the PE and sport grant for the academic year 2013/14 explains that allocations will be calculated using the number of pupils in years 1 to 6 and those aged five in reception as recorded in the January 2013 School Census.

Schools with 17 or more eligible pupils will receive £8,000 plus £5 per eligible pupil.

Schools with 16 or fewer eligible pupils will receive £500 per eligible pupil.

### **Purpose of funding**

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

Possible uses for the funding might include:

- ✓ hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work with primary teachers when teaching PE
- ✓ supporting and engaging the least active children through new or additional Change4Life clubs
- ✓ paying for professional development opportunities for teachers in PE and sport
- ✓ providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE and sport
- ✓ running sport competitions, or increasing pupils' participation in the School Games
- ✓ buying quality assured professional development modules or materials for PE and sport
- ✓ providing places for pupils on after school sports clubs and holiday clubs
- ✓ pooling the additional funding with that of other local schools.

## **Accountability**

From September 2013, schools will be held to account over how they spend their additional, ring-fenced funding. Ofsted will strengthen the coverage of PE and sport within the 'Inspectors' handbook' and supporting guidance so that both schools and inspectors know how sport and PE will be assessed in future as part of the school's overall provision.

One year on, Ofsted will carry out a survey reporting on the first year's expenditure of additional funding and its impact.

Schools will also be required to include details of their provision of PE and sport on their website, alongside details of their broader curriculum, so that parents can compare sports provision between schools, both within and beyond the school day.

The DfE webpage also explains that schools will be held to account over how they spend their additional funding. It says:

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Paragraph 135 of Ofsted's School Inspection Handbook explains that, in judging the quality of leadership in, and management of, a school, inspectors should monitor and evaluate:

... how well the school uses the new primary school sport funding to improve the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision, including increasing participation in PE and sport so that all pupils develop healthy lifestyles and reach the performance levels they are capable of.

## **Evidence for Ofsted**

A headteacher asked us what evidence Ofsted would expect to see of the impact of the funding. We spoke to an Ofsted inspector who explained that it is for schools to decide how best to demonstrate the impact. For example, the school may wish to show evidence of improved attitudes or performance.

She noted that due to confusion over funding allocations in autumn term 2013 for this funding, Ofsted would not necessarily expect schools to already have put their interventions in place.

The inspector said schools may have only made tentative plans of how to spend the funding and begun establishing contacts. Schools should have made some plans on how to spend the funding, based on their own analysis of where it would have most impact.

She added that, in the spring and summer terms, Ofsted will expect schools to have put plans in place and be able to demonstrate the impact.

## **Requirement for school websites to detail PE and sports provision**

The DfE says schools will be required to include details on their websites about their provision of PE and sport "both within and beyond the school day"

## **Best practice**

Read through the [case studies](#) provided by schools with a known track record for delivering high quality PE and sport.

**Funding period**

The additional funding will be paid to eligible schools in the academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015.

**What is in place at St Bernadette's?**

- £10,150 for academic year 2013 / 2014 (£6 564 for financial year)
- Tracking of involvement of all pupils in School
- FitforSchool in for every class in KS2
- Junior Fitness support clubs at Lunchtime / Enrichment / After School
- Links to use facilities / resources at Secondary School made
- CPD being delivered to Staff by new PE Subject Leader
- KS2 PE taught by dedicated Staff (2 with Secondary Training)
- Development of Website being looked at.

**What has been identified as needing to be done next so far?**

- Further website development.
- Continued tracking and monitoring of all Pupil involvement
- Report of funding and Impact
- More involvement of KS1 and eligible FS Pupils
- Physical Health Day in May