

General overview

The government is providing additional funding of £150 million per annum for the academic years 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015, to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding is now being continued until 2020 and is ring-fenced, therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools. 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.

“A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.” (National Curriculum, September 2013).

With this as our driving thought, Christ Church Academy has used their Sports Premium money in four ways for the academic year 2014 - 2015:

Residential

£430 has been spent on providing transport for our Year 6 pupils to an outdoor adventurous activity residential. This has meant that all pupils have been able to attend and experience activities which we are unable to offer in the school setting.

Equipment

£6,630 has been spent on developing our courts area of the school grounds. This has allowed for two games to be played at once without interruption therefore increasing pupils' participation and learning. We have also spent a further £1200 on buying gymnastics equipment enabling every learner to have an individual working space and enhancing independent learning whilst decreasing waiting time. £660 has been carried forward for the purchase of further ipads so pupils are now able to video record their performances', play them back and evaluate their success. They are also able to watch video recordings about how certain skills should be performed by an expert in that particular sport.

Continued professional development

With the remaining funding (£335) staff have undergone CPD courses to enable them to continue to drive the mini bus, allowing them to take children out of school for competitions. Staff have also attended conferences keeping them up to date with the latest developments in physical education.