

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 ring-fenced and 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. This funding is being continued until 2020.

“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 used their Sports Premium money in four ways for the academic year 2014 - 2015:

Transport

We already have a school mini bus, but by using some of the sports premium money (£665), we have been able to hire buses and therefore take more pupils out to competitions than previously. This has enabled a wider variety of pupils to take part in competitive sport and learn the values of sportsmanship.

Residential

To enable all of our pupils to attend the Year 6 Outdoor Education week, we have allocated funding (£1000) to ensure that this opportunity is available to all pupils, as we consider this a very important element of their learning, an opportunity for learning outside of the curriculum and to develop valuable life skills. This is considered an opportunity they should not miss.

Equipment

£4,275 has been spent on equipment to further develop pupils' learning within physical education. 5 iPads have been purchased (£1495) and pupils are now able to video record their performances, play them back and evaluate their success. They are also able to watch video recordings on how certain skills should be performed by an expert in a particular sport. Following the success of our pupils last year in “Sportshall” athletics competitions, we have also purchased the full equipment pack to allow them to train properly for the competition and we have introduced this as a new unit of work in the curriculum.

Continued professional development

With the remaining funding (£3597), staff have undergone CPD courses to allow them to continue to lifeguard the swimming lessons that we teach. We have also had staff complete their mini bus training allowing them to take children out of school for competitions. A member of the department is now undertaking the old School Sports Co-ordinator role. This will involve the cover of teaching, time to attend updates, organise tournaments, train and arrange the junior sports leaders program and the sports council in school. He is also heavily involved in the teaching of PE at one of our feeder schools.