

Essex Primary Sports Premium - September 2016

The government provides each school a PE and Sport Premium. This will "be paid pursuant to Section 14 of the Education Act 2002, and in accordance with Section 16 of that Act, the Secretary of State lays down terms and conditions in which assistance is given in relation to the PE and Sport Grant"(DoE,2013).

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How the Premium is spent

This year the decision has been made to allocate the premium to the following areas:

Specialist Coaching Provision

At Essex Primary school we recognise the value of specialist coaches in sport. Through Sporting 4 Schools we have employed sports and dances coaches for P.E lessons. The coaches also provide over twenty P.E related before and after school clubs (free to pupils).

Swimming

Essex has worked closely with St Winefride's Primary school to find a good provider for swimming lessons. This was to ensure the best value for children and school. Studies by the Amateur Swimming Association had found that an intense course where children swim for an hour a day, every day for two weeks had significantly better outcomes than a half hour lesson once a week for a term. Bearing this in mind, along with the reduced disruption to lessons, the children were back in class before the first morning break, and the fact that the lessons would be completed in just two weeks. At the Stratford Olympic Aquatics Centre children now have an intensive course to provide these type of lessons of swimming.

Subsidy for Residential Visits

In previous years this has been funded from the main school budget, in a similar to the swimming lessons. It has been decided by the SLT, in agreement with the PE Coordinator, that as the residential trip is primarily used to cover the outdoor sports that cannot be taught on site, the cost of travel to the residential trip would be funded by the PE and Sport Premium.

Membership of Langdon Academy Sports Partnership

In previous years this membership was free as it was funded under the previous Government's School Sports Co-ordinators scheme (SSCo). For each year group that we enter we must pay £4.00 per child. Within the Langdon partnership includes: Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for staff, organised competitions for pupils, support, important news, information and advice in P.E.

Resources

Over the year Essex have bought sports equipment to support in lessons, but to also encourage sports during breaks. Essex now have sports leaders (pupils) who have been trained by sports coaches to manage the equipment. This includes: a music box, basketballs, footballs, tennis balls, cricket equipment, bibs, basketball nets, skipping ropes and hoops.