

## PE and Sport Premium

Sports and PE is an essential part of daily life at The Leys Primary School and it has been embedded into our school fabric. We employ a specialist PE teacher and a full time sports coach who both work with children and staff across all phases of our school. Our sports specialists provide the majority of our outstanding provision. This provision is supported by our enthusiastic and passionate class teachers, which encourages children to take an active role in leading a healthy active lifestyle. During lessons the children are taught a variety of physical skills across a wide range of topics and this is further supplemented with a key focus on life skills and their ability to use their learning and existing knowledge in other areas of their lives. All children at The Leys are fully included in PE and the curriculum offers great breadth and depth ensuring that our children's experiences are positive and enriching no matter what their needs.

The PE staff, alongside class teachers, also run a variety of sports clubs after school to further enrich our children's physical opportunities. We also have a number of different school representative teams throughout the academic year and these teams regularly attend tournaments, fixtures, festivals and competitions. These representative teams include boys and girls football, girls netball, cricket, rounders, tag rugby and athletics.

We encourage all children to have an active lifestyle and to take part in school competitions and events. Many of our children are members with our local sporting clubs and often attend our extra curricular sports opportunities.

- We have an annual sports day for both Early Years/KS1 and KS2.
- All our children in Year 4 swim for one whole year to help them gain confidence and proficiency in the water. We take a group of year 6 students each summer term for top up swimming to help them achieve the expected 25m swimming distance.
- We use a fantastic PE app called PE Passport and this provides our class teachers with incredible resources.

## What is the Sports Premium

The Government continues to invest in the Primary PE & Sport Premium, as first announced in December 2015 through 'Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation.' The Leys receive specific sports funding each year to support and enhance the physical education of all our children. The sports premium has had a significant impact on the development of the PE curriculum at The Leys, which has led to incredible experiences and great personal development for our children.

How are we spending the Sports Premium grant?

We use a portion of our yearly funding to access Stevenage Sporting Futures, a local charity organisation who provide us with many fantastic opportunities. These opportunities range from: CPD for staff across a range of different sports, they provide local sports leagues for a variety of sports, they upskill sports ambassadors each year who have an amazing impact on our KS1 playground and they also provide a wide range of sporting opportunities both in and out of curriculum time for our pupils at competitive and non-competitive levels.

The funding is extremely well spent each year with the aim of further improving and developing our provision, curriculum and participation levels. We also aim to provide greater opportunities and experiences for our young children through the power of sport. The expenditure is documented each year to show how we continue to maximise our funding.

We have seen greater participation levels across the school and have seen a huge increase in girls participation in both competitive and non-competitive sport. We have been able to close Covid gaps and accelerate children's progress across the entire PE curriculum. This funding continues to impact our young children daily.

Who monitors how the grant is spent?

The outcomes are monitored by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), specialist sports teachers and Governors. A summary of our annual sports spending is detailed in the attached documents.

We continue to monitor and evaluate the expenditure impact throughout each academic year ensuring that it is having maximum impact on our children and is supporting our sustainable next steps.