

Sports Funding at Greenbank Primary school September 2021-July 2022

What is the Sports Funding? The National Picture

Sports funding was introduced by the Government in September 2013. It was designed to give additional money to support schools in developing Physical Education in Schools and build an 'Olympic Legacy'.

Each school currently receives £16,000 plus an extra £10 per pupil each year. Our school received £19,540 in the 2021-2022 financial year.

Before the pandemic, our school was spending the Sports Funding in the following way:

- Specialist sports coaching on a range of sports over the year before during and after school including; street dance, rugby, zumba, badminton, fencing
- Entry into half termly inter schools competitions within the IPLCN group of schools - we are participating in around 15 IPLCN events per year.
- Participation in the Falinge High School Sports Partnership girls and boys football tournaments.
- FA Rochdale schools football tournament.
- Bikeability course delivered to year 5 pupils.
- Specialist equipment for lunchtime provision, PE, outdoor learning and archery
- Archery, football and netball after school clubs
- PE curriculum development support for the PE coordinator and sports club leaders
- Outdoor sports development delivered by the outdoor team including kayaking, sailing, archery and climbing.
- Karate lessons delivered to every year group.
- The employment of a full time TA 4 with Level 5 certificate in Primary Physical Education Specialism and Subject Leadership
- An annual 'sports diversity week' with all children across the school which encourages all children and adults to participate in the sport of their choice irrespective of gender, sexual orientation or disability

During the pandemic (March 2020-March 2022) the employment of sports coaches has been a challenge due to the reduction in external visitors entering the school to limit Covid infections. For similar reasons the inter-school competitions between the IPLCN schools and the before school and after school clubs have been limited.

Despite the restrictions, the high quality face to face delivery of all aspects of the PE curriculum- including the adventurous outdoor learning curriculum- has remained in place throughout the pandemic (with the exception of the lock down periods) and the school took advantage of the daily 'Joe Wicks' fitness sessions during all school closure periods.

Where does the money come from?

Sports Funding is allocated to schools based on the number of children on roll (Years 1-6) plus an additional flat rate. Initially this funding was allocated for two academic years (13/14 and 14/15).

However, it has been recognized that the recent successes that have been realised in both of the last two Olympic games has been positively enhanced by the Government's initiatives in the funding of sporting developments in schools and local clubs.

Physical Education at Greenbank Primary School

Greenbank Primary School's Mission Statement states that: 'We will promote active involvement both indoors and outdoors: so that all who leave Greenbank are more aware of the contribution they can enjoy making to the wider world'. We feel that Physical Education plays an important role in helping us to fulfill this statement, enabling children to live an active and healthy lifestyle, and live out the 2016 Olympic values. We have worked hard to develop our Physical Education through curriculum time and extra-curricular activities.

How is the Sports Funding used to support Physical Education at Greenbank?

Our PE curriculum

A wide range of PE is delivered to the pupils indoors and outdoors, which aims to engage and inspire all pupils.

PE activities are wide and varied, both during the school day, and (pre-Covid) as extra-curricular clubs. Opportunities include the development of a range of PE and movement skills through the teaching of gymnastics, games, dance and athletics. A variety of competitive sports are taught both during the day and after school including netball, rounders, hockey, rugby, badminton, cricket and football as well as a range of adventurous sports including kayaking, climbing (indoor and outdoor), swimming, cycling, archery, sailing and walking.

Sports funding is used to employ Sports Coaches for specific sessions over the year and this expertise is used across the school to teach pupils from Year R – Year 6 in a wide range of PE activities. Alongside Sports Coaches we employ a full time PE and Sports Leader to plan, deliver and assess our PE curriculum.

We employ 3 full time senior teaching assistants (supported by 2 part time teaching assistants) to deliver our wide range of outdoor/adventurous learning opportunities that are curriculum linked. These increase children's self-esteem, confidence, communication skills, resilience, fitness and are free for all.

We have fully implemented assessment procedures for all aspects of PE. These are easy to complete online documents and are part of a larger online assessment package for all areas of the curriculum (I Track). This assessment allows us to easily identify each child's next steps in their learning and is shared with parents so that they can find out how well their children are doing.

We are keen to develop our staff at Greenbank Primary. All staff have been encouraged to periodically work alongside Sports coaches to develop expertise in different aspects of the PE curriculum as well as develop a range of general PE skills as well as more specialist skills.

Pre-Covid, we have provided team competitions both in-house and inter-school (particularly amongst the IPLCN schools see partnership work) but as previously mentioned this has been hampered by Covid restrictions. Following a further easing of restrictions in Spring 2, 2022, we are intending to re-invigorate this extensive programme, providing a much needed approach to competitive sport.

The school is keen to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for pupils throughout the year. As a result of the funding, teaching staff have been able to historically spend more time and resources organising extra-curricular sporting clubs and competitions. Pupils enjoy the opportunity to work with different teachers, volunteers and coaches but this year this has again been hampered by Covid restrictions. We are intending to return to providing children with the chance to try many new sports over the Summer term 2022 (see below) where we will monitor participation and check uptake against gender, SEN and pupil premium.

Alongside delivering the PE curriculum and extra-curricular clubs we are also giving children opportunities across KS1 and KS2 to gain further understanding of healthy eating and fitness, 'Fresh club'. This will be delivered in Spring 2 and run for the remainder of the academic year.

Partnership Work

Our school is part of the IPLCN (Inspirational Professional Learning Community Network of Schools) Cluster, a group of 12 primary schools in Rochdale, who offer joint CPD, policy development, Governor support and co-ordinator work as well as a range of activities for our children including sports competitions for the children and sharing of good practice. We have found this beneficial as it has given our children the opportunity to participate regularly in Inter-School competitions and use the wider range of resources which the different schools offer. In the Cluster we share documents, procedures and ideas and are working hard to jointly meeting the requirements of the PE curriculum.

Future Plans for 2021-2022/23

- Continue to employ an enthusiastic, capable and skilled PE and sports leader to develop the PE curriculum throughout school.
- This highly qualified TA4 will ensure PE is taught and assessed effectively to all children regardless of age and ability.
- PE at Greenbank will be improved as more children meet age related expectations, achieve better levels of physical literacy and a better state of health and well-being (including mental health).
- PE Lessons will be exciting, educational and progressive and matched to our Key Skills and knowledge within the PE curriculum.
- The sports leaders will also be in charge of running before and after school clubs which will reduce involvement of external providers and will attend all IPLCN sports events.
- The PE and sports leader will work closely with the PE subject leader to develop, observe and evaluate the PE curriculum across the school and ensure that all children at Greenbank learn more, do more and remember more in their Physical Education.
- Build on extra-curricular clubs that have been reintroduced and look to add more into the 2022-2023 plans.
- Continue to raise attainment and water confidence in swimming for KS2.