

P.E. PROVISION AT NORTHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The government is continuing to provide funding of £150 million per academic year to improve provision of physical education (PE) and sport in primary schools. This funding - provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport has been allocated directly to schools.

For Northwood Primary School; the funding for 2016 -17 equates to £8000 plus £5 per pupil between Y1 and Y6. A total of £8880. This funding is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on sport and PE provision within the school.

Purpose of the funding

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.

In general terms, the funding *could* be used for:

- Hiring specialist PE teachers/qualified sports coaches to work alongside primary teachers in PE sessions.
- Providing cover to release primary teachers for professional development in PE.
- Creating new after school or Change4Life sports clubs.
- Organising sports competitions or increasing participation in level 1 and 2 School Games.
- Purchasing of PE equipment.

How are Northwood Primary spending the funding and who benefits?

At Northwood we are spending the money in such a way as to ensure that all children benefit regardless of sporting ability. We aim to provide a greater variety of sports based extracurricular clubs and provide as many children as possible the opportunity to participate in tournaments/festivals. We aspire to establish PE provision that is not only strengthened but also sustainable if/when the funding is withdrawn.

- We have invested a large proportion of our funding in providing a PE coach/coordinator to provide our children with high quality sport provision from year 1 upwards and also use their skills to coach our staff to improve their PE technique.
- We are providing a greater variety of after school and lunchtime sports clubs for children across the school. This year, we are offering:
 - ❖ Athletics
 - ❖ Basketball
 - ❖ Change4Life
 - ❖ Cricket
 - ❖ Football
 - ❖ Netball
 - ❖ Street Dance
 - ❖ Taekwondo
 - ❖ Tag rugby
 - ❖ Tennis
 - ❖ Water sports
- We are able to release staff to attend additional high quality PE training.

- We stage a whole day School Games for every child in KS2 each summer.
- We are now able to increase pupil participation in competitions/festivals including level 2 School Games such as:
 - ❖ Athletics
 - ❖ Basketball
 - ❖ Cricket
 - ❖ Dodgeball
 - ❖ Football
 - ❖ Handball
 - ❖ Netball
 - ❖ O.A.A.
 - ❖ Sitting volleyball
 - ❖ Tag rugby
 - ❖ Tennis
 - ❖ Travel triathlons.
- We have formed a team of Y6 Sports Leaders assisted by Y5 sports crew who organise, run and officiate our own level 1 competitions including:
 - ❖ Cross country
 - ❖ Hockey
 - ❖ KS1 multi skills
 - ❖ KS1 sports day
 - ❖ Netball
 - ❖ Tag rugby
- We use the funding to enrol children on a 'Gifted and Talented' sports program where applicable.
- We use the funding to provide swimming lessons for Y3 children.
- We are able to buy new equipment where necessary for P.E lessons and playtimes.
- Where practical, we fund travel to and from competitions in curriculum time including the mainland.
- Northwood organises and hosts the Isle of Wight Primary School Cross Country Championships which is open to all primary schools on the Island on a 'first come first served' basis. The entry list for 2017 has been full for some time with 25 schools entered. With 24 children across four year groups representing each school, that's 600 children from across the Isle of Wight. Potentially the largest primary school sports participation event on the Island. The event is reported on by local media and supported by various local businesses and partners.

The PE provision Northwood offers, has in recent years successfully seen the school awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Kitemark as follows:

- 2012 – 13 Bronze
- 2013 – 14 Silver
- 2014 – 15 Gold
- 2015 – 16 Gold

This demonstrates a clear determination from Governors, Leadership Team and staff to offer and sustain the best PE provision possible to the children of Northwood Primary School.