

P.E. and Sports Funding

The PE and Sports Grant Investment is an allocation of additional funding to schools to, “promote pupils’ P.E. and sport participation and attainment and to help ensure that all pupils develop healthy lifestyles.”

Department for Culture, Media and Sports and the Development for Education 2013

In 2013-14 School received a grant of £ 8,880

In 2014-15 School received £ 8,890

At St. Augustine’s School Physical Education and healthy lifestyles are important elements of our broad and balanced curriculum.

Children experience a wide range of activities to support physical fitness and promote positive competitive attitudes alongside the development of individual and teamwork skills.

The sports grant is used to support P.E. and sports activities at the school in the following ways:

Membership of Darlington School Sport Partnership

This provides:

- Specialist coaching in a variety of sports which benefits pupils and helps to upskill staff in their own P.E. teaching.
- Networking opportunities for P.E. Subject Leaders
- Access to local and regional competitions/festivals. This supports the development of teamwork, positive competitive attitudes and interaction with pupils from other settings.
- Opportunities to introduce new and different sports. –e.g. archery and to provide some taster sessions to broaden pupil’s experience and to help them to find physical activities which they may take beyond school and in some cases continue with in the next phase of their education and even into adult life.

Access to Specialist Teaching

- School has employed a specialist P.E. teacher from Carmel College to work with 2 year groups each term. This gives pupils access to specialist teaching as well as enhancing transition to KS3 through familiarity with secondary school staff.
- It also provides support for development of Assessment in P.E.

Competitive Sports Opportunities

- Participation in local leagues for football and netball, Gymnastics festival, Community Games, Town Sports, Dance Festival, Cross Country, Cricket Tournament.
- Funding helps to pay for transport to sports events.

Extra-curricular activities

- A variety of sports/P.E. activities are offered at by school staff at lunchtimes or after school each term to different year groups. E.g. Netball, football, Hip-Hop, Country Dancing, Gymnastics, Cross Country.
- Since 2013 -1 4, School has been making use of Sports Grant to employ coaching firms to provide a wider variety of sports such as basketball, badminton and multi-skills. In some cases, school has used the grant to cover the costs of coaching and families have not had to make any financial contribution.
- Sports funding has been used to purchase coaching by Darlington Mowden Park Rugby Football Club. The package purchased included, coaching for children in KS2, participation in a Touch Rugby Tournament and training for school staff. Liaison with a local organisation means develops

Positive mutual links to encourage children and their families to be involved in sport at a local level as well as at school.

Resources

Sports funding has helped school to replace essential equipment for curriculum P.E. and to purchase additional resources for use at break times in each key stage.

In addition to the above, funding for 2014-15 will be used to purchase playground markings and target equipment such as permanently sited netball posts, to encourage skills practice and team games during break times.