

# ST PATRICK'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## SPORTS & PE STATEMENT (2016/2017)

At St Patrick's we understand that through Sport and PE, pupils develop invaluable qualities such as discipline, teamwork, communication, and endurance. These qualities enhance children's learning both in and out of the classroom.

At St Patrick's our vision for Sport and PE includes:

- A commitment to equipping every child with the necessary skills and confidence to lead a healthy lifestyle
- Opportunities for pupils to attend after-school clubs
- Opportunities for inter school competition in football, cross country, rugby, orienteering, athletics and gymnastics
- Greater exposure to a wide range of sporting activities whilst raising participation numbers
- Ensuring that every child has an equal opportunity to take part in PE and Sport in a manner to suit their ability

### **PE teaching within school**

The school grounds are extensive and our playground, adventure playground and sports field means that there is plenty space for children to be active. A great majority of our children can be seen to be actively engaged in physical activity during their free time.

Our school provides a minimum of 2 hours of PE every week. All children in Y2-Y6 attend weekly swimming sessions for two terms of the year. Swimming lessons are taught by experienced specialist teachers, which means that the quality of teaching is extremely good. We have this year introduced swimming lessons for our Y2 children and the progress they have made has been excellent.

At St Patrick's we employ a PE specialist from our local secondary school, who teaches pupils from Y2 upwards. This means that our children receive a high quality of sports teaching in a range of sports including tag rugby, gymnastics, athletics and football. Our sports funding enables us to employ a member of staff who works alongside the specialist teacher, so skills within our own staffing are increased to a high standard. Our specialist teacher has also advised on equipment necessary to enhance the teaching of sports within our

school.

For our younger children, we employ an HLTA who has a keen interest in sport, particularly for younger children. This has also had a positive impact on the children who enjoy these sporting activities very much.

#### **Inter-school tournaments**

Our school has competed in inter school events this year through our partnership with Dallam School. Teams have taken part in competitive football, cross-country, gymnastics, tag rugby, quick cricket and orienteering throughout the year.

#### **Extra- curricular activities**

We have had after school gymnastics training and a rounders club this year.

In summary, the Sports Funding Allocation will be used to develop healthy lifestyle choices and the physical wellbeing of all pupils and staff. Ongoing teacher assessments, session observations and monitoring procedures are in place to gauge pupil progress and the impact that Sports Funding is having across our whole school.

We look forward to seeing the results!

#### **Funding allocations for 2016-2017**

Specialist PE teaching/ training: £5524

Swimming: £3,460

Equipment: £780

Total: £9,764