

ST PATRICK'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



SPORTS & PE STATEMENT (2017/2018)

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
- 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. Swimming lessons start in Y2 so that we ensure our children learn the skills they need to swim early. **All children leave KS2 meeting the national curriculum expectations for swimming.**

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. 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.

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. Children in EYFS and Y1 take part in daily exercise, which enables them to build their strength and gross motor skills more effectively.

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.

Additional sports week

The children in Y5 and Y6 take part each year in a week of activities at Tower Wood on Windermere. They enjoy learning how to sail, canoe and windsurf, as well as meeting challenges such as ghyll scrambling, climbing the 'Sky Pole' and fell walking.

The impact of this activity week is significant in improving the children's self-confidence and team building.

Extra- curricular activities

Last year the school ran a gymnastics club and a rounders club after school. The children completed the '100 mile challenge' earlier in the year and this has been continued due to its popularity.

Links with the local community

Last year we ran a successful scheme over the summer term with our local bowling club. The pupils in Y5 and Y6 worked alongside regular bowling members to improve their skills over an eight week period, which culminated in a competition for the best crown green bowler!

This was so successful that we will be running this again in the summer term.

Sporting achievement out of school

We have a significant number of pupils who take part in sport out of school. These activities range from the usual football, cricket etc. to horse riding and acro dance. We celebrate all these achievements within school in Celebration assembly.

Evaluation

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.

Funding allocations for 2016-2017

Specialist PE teaching/ training

Competitions

Tower Wood subsidy

Two terms of swimming

Equipment