

Sports Funding

PE – Government Sports Funding

At Bierton, we place great importance of the right of every child to be healthy and active. We believe that every child has the right to play, join in and enjoy a wide range of sports. Every child has at least two hours per week, which is dedicated to physical activity in the curriculum. Since 2016, we have introduced a daily 'run a mile', which was initially for our Year 5 and 6 cohort and then extended to Year 3 and 4 the following year. Every child in KS2 participates by running a mile each day. The aim is to support one another whilst completing and challenging themselves to fulfil their own personal targets.

Our vision for PE and Sport is to motivate, excite and stimulate pupils to encourage them to be healthy and active. We believe that physical education and sport contributes to the holistic development of young people and by participating in these activities, they learn more about the key ideals that we hold at Bierton, such as teamwork and cooperation. Our values of respect, resilience, resourcefulness, learning to remember and readiness continually shine through during PE. There is significant evidence which highlights the benefits of sports and exercise on children's physical and mental growth. Furthermore, it allows them to learn the value of participating, competing, as well as taking pride in successes and accepting the outcomes.

What is the Primary PE & Sport Premium?

Since 2013, the government has allocated funding of £150 million per annum to provide substantial primary school sports funding until the end of the 2016/2017 academic year. This funding is being jointly given by the Department of Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, and headteachers will see money going directly to primary school budgets to spend on improving the quality of PE education and Sport for all their children. This funding is 'ring fenced' meaning it can only be spent on the provision of PE and Sport in schools.

What has happened since September 2017?

On 28th July 2017, the Department for Education (DfE) announced changes from September 2017:

Schools with 17 or more eligible pupils receive £16,000 and an additional payment of £10 per pupil.

How can schools spend the money?

Currently, schools have the freedom to choose how they spend the allocated money, however, they must use the funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and Sport they offer.

At Bierton, we plan to use the money to help achieve the following targets:

1. To increase the confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and Sport, through continuing professional learning.
2. To engage all pupils in regular physical activity and to encourage a healthy active lifestyle.
3. To improve the profile of PE and Sport across the school as a tool for whole school improvement.
4. To broaden the experience of a range of sports and activities offered to all pupils, particularly for those who find strenuous exercise difficult.
5. To encourage an increased participation in competitive sport.