



PRIMROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sports Premium at Primrose Hill: Update Spring 2024

Context

The Sports Premium Grant (SPG) is funding that schools receive from the government that is ring fenced for PE and school sport and can not be used for other means. We receive just under £20k each year and we are given the responsibility of deciding how the grant is spent depending on our priorities as a school.

We report our spend and its impact each year on our school website. All of the reports for the previous 6 years can be found here:

<http://www.primrosehillprimary.co.uk/information/sports-premium/>

Priorities

The government set 5 main areas that schools should focus on when spending their sports premium. These are as follows:

1. Health and Wellbeing
2. Raising the profile of PE and sport for whole school improvement
3. Professional development in PE
4. Increasing the range of sports and activities on offer
5. Competitive sport

We took these 5 areas and made them more specific for our school and now measure our success at using the SPG against them. They are as follows:

1. Proving more variety for our least active children in KS2 to improve activity rates. Children identified and targeted in PE lessons and during break and lunch times.

2. Sport, PE and fitness to become a daily part of school life for all children, not just PE lessons. Barriers associated with pupil premium to be removed. ALL children to be given opportunity to enjoy extra-curricular sport and competition

3. Develop and implement a professional learning plan appropriate for the needs of all staff to enable them to deliver high quality PE and physical literacy. PE specialist to undergo CPD training to help increase sustainability of PE offer post PSSP.

4. New sports/activities offered for each key stage every year. Specialist PE teacher to use CPD or qualified coaches to deliver.

5. Improve the numbers of children taking part in competitive sports by promoting the opportunities across school. New competitions developed with local cluster schools.

All of our spending is targeted towards meeting these criteria. What we can spend our SPG on is not prescribed by the government. If we can link it to these criteria then it is a justifiable SPG spend. The only rules that are enforced by the government is that SPG cannot be used to fund PPA cover and it cannot be used to pay for curriculum swimming lessons. These have to be funded out of main budgets.

The History of PE at Primrose Hill

Reporting on how we use our sports premium needs some context as to the journey PE has been on at Primrose Hill.

PE has been a priority at Primrose Hill for a long time. In the spring of 2012 school introduced a specialist PE teacher to cover PPA and to ensure that high quality PE was taught across the school. In January 2013 I took on that role and have been managing the teaching and development of PE and how school spends the SPG since then.

When we first started, PE was not necessarily a high priority in the minds of staff or pupils and over the last 10 years we have managed to change that. The Sports premium has meant that this has been a lot easier than it would have been without it. The 5 priorities that were set gave us a focus on how the money would be spent, building on what was already in place.

The big advantage that Primrose Hill has had is that by having a specialist teacher the SPG has not had to be spent on coaches and companies that offer short term solutions, but has been spent on things that have meant sustainable, long term cultural changes have taken place that will out live both my time at school and the SPG.

Initially, we thought about what our strategy should be to meet the 5 priorities. With a specialist PE teacher this could be more strategic than just spending the money of some coaches and giving the children a fun time. To begin with we wanted to enhance the

curriculum and give children access to a wide variety of different sporting opportunities (Priority 3 and 4). This would lead to more opportunities for competition with other schools and internally (Priority 5). This would then lead to PE becoming more visible across school with children from all years having the chance to try something new and represent school. (Priority 2). With children seeing PE as more important, this would lead to greater engagement, particularly from those less engaged, and therefore we would have more healthy and active children (Priority 1).

This has been the thinking every year when we come to planning our SPG spend. We have spent the majority of our SPG each year on equipment and opportunities for children to learn a new sport. Our PE strapline was 'Giving children an opportunity to find a sport they love'. We have given children in Primrose Hill the opportunity to experience between 25 and 30 sports throughout their time at school as well as many opportunities for other adventures and competitive action.

We have gone from doing your PE staples of Football, netball, cricket etc to offering opportunities in sports like Flag Football, Lacrosse and Trampolining. No sport is off limits as the SPG gives us flexibility to invest in new opportunities. We have introduced disability sports such as Goalball and had experience days where children have done activities like rock climbing and archery. We have increased our sporting teams from one or two sports a year (Football and Rugby) to anywhere between 10 and 20 teams, depending on the year.

Current Sports Premium Spending

Over the past 3 years our SPG spend has become more routine as we have systems in place to make sure the priorities are continually being met with some flexibility if new opportunities arise.

We have also had some staffing changes that means that we have had to change some ways that we use the funding to ensure that the high quality PE that was offered throughout the school is now met in a slightly different way.

Last year was the first year in 10 years where we didn't have a full time PE specialist so things were slightly different in school but we used the SPG to ensure that every class still had high quality PE teaching.

We invested in the MU Foundation so that we had their excellent provision in school 1 day a week, giving high quality PE and teacher CPD to every year group throughout the year. This was very successful and we are having them for a second year as the feedback from staff and pupils was very positive.

Here is the spend that we had last year. As I said, our annual SPG plan is the same each year as we have systems in place to continue what we do each year.

PSSP Spend	Potential impact	Which priority does this impact?	Cost (approximate)	Actual spend
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Provide transport to and from competitions so that we are not limited as to which competitions we are able to enter.	School is able to attend Salford wide competitions, not just local cluster events. Money to support until Minibus is purchased	B D E	£500	£190
Lease a Minibus to be able to offer transport to competitions and to have a sustainable way of continuing access to competitions.	School is able to attend Salford wide competitions, not just local cluster events. Money to support until Minibus is purchased	B D E	£6000	£0
Employ specialist coaches to offer new and specialised sports to a variety of classes.	School is able to offer high quality lessons in sports by utilising the services of different sports providers, such as MU foundation	A B C D E	£7000	£8848
Subsidise our annual Lledr Hall trip so that all Y6 children are able to attend if they choose.	Finance will not be a barrier to children accessing high quality OOA education.	A B	£3000	£3000
Equipment – Replace, renew and reprioritise equipment. Money to support EYFS and Playground and Lunchtime activity	With our focus being on sustainability, we will be investing in equipment that will improve and sustain what we are able to offer in the long term. This will include both consumables and large items to enable us to continue to reach our targets.	A B C D E	£2000	£2097.22
CPD for specialist PE teachers to make sports offer sustainable.	School is able to offer a variety of different, non-standard sports to give children as many opportunities to try and succeed at as many different sports as possible. Includes membership to SSP	A C D	£1000	£900
Total			Planned £19500	Total Spend – £15035.22

Just to highlight a couple of lines. Firstly, the spend on transport. Staffing changes made it more difficult for us to get children out to as many competitions as previous years. However, we still entered 11 competitions over the year and have put things in place this year to ensure that children have plenty of opportunities for competition.

Secondly, the minibus line has been there for a couple of years. We are keen to have our own transport to take children to competitions but we haven't found the right deal that would be the best for the school's finances.

Finally, the annual subsidy for Lledr Hall means that pupils are able to access high quality outdoor and adventurous activity in our week-long residential at a price that makes it much more accessible for most families.

Our SPG Priorities are the same this year, and will continue to be unless things change in school. Hopefully we will be able to find the best deal for a school minibus this year and use the money we haven't spent to ensure the sustainability of what we offer.

We have used SPG this year to make some changes in response to the needs of the school. For example we have invested in a new planning and assessment app that will help class teachers who are now having to teach more of their PE than in previous years. This has had some good feedback and has made life more straightforward for those non-specialist staff members. We will also continue to enhance the equipment that we have and always look to introduce a new sport each year. This year, we are hoping to introduce a new sport called Kinball to our pupils.

The Future of SPG

SPG is something that we use to enhance what we have already established. We have systems in place so that if SPG was to end the impact on our PE and school sport would be minimal. I am proud that that is the case here at Primrose Hill.

The SPG has been guaranteed by the government for this academic year and the next academic year. What happens after that is anyone's guess but I am confident that the work we have done over the last 10 years means that our curriculum offer and the profile of PE and school sport at Primrose Hill will continue to be as successful with or without the SPG.

If you have any questions about PE, School sport or the SPG please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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