



## ***Theale C of E Primary School***

### **School Sports Funding Policy**

At Theale CE Primary School the children come first. They are central to every decision made in school. We will ensure that our children are happy and successful. They will grow to be ambitious and resilient and their talents will be nurtured so they become highly skilled. Our children will be courageous and always behave with integrity.

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it, is* this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12: v 30-31*

“I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.”  
*John 10:10*

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## How will we be spending the Sports Funding and who will benefit?

The Governors agree that the money must be used in our pursuit of excellence for all children: every child will benefit from additional opportunities. Our most able children will be given further opportunities which will enable them to benefit from high level subject specialist coaching; this will enable them to compete in advanced tournaments. In addition, staff will have access to training opportunities and continued professional development.

The following shows how we spent the sports funding during 2021-22.

In 2021-2022 our allocation was £18,690 and a carry forward of £359.

Total available funds: £19,049

- Gymnastics teaching/training provided by an experienced gymnastics coach for year 2-6 during Autumn and Spring term. Gymnastics Squad training provided by an experienced gymnastics coach for year 5/6. Cost: £4,635
- PE teaching/training for year 2-6 provided by sports coach during Summer Term Cost: £2,500
- Fee for joining West Berkshire Sports network which gave access to a wide range of tournaments. Cost: £1,548
- Membership of PE planning platform Get Set 4 PE, which provides detailed planning, videos, and training opportunities for staff. Cost: £1,375
- Swimming lessons for Year 4,5 and 6. (Year 5 accessed swimming lessons this year due to a lack of availability during Covid when they were in Year 4) Cost: £334
- Contribution to dance teaching across the school. Cost: £6,500
- Yoga teaching. Cost: £2,208

Total Spend £19,100

## Impact of funding

- The expertise that a sports coach provides means that the children from Y2-Y6 receive focussed teaching in specific skill sets. Each child, regardless of their circumstance has been able to access this.
- The use of Get Set 4 PE platform is now embedded into the school PE planning structure. More experienced staff report that the planning resources refresh their teaching and indeed create more informed lessons; less experienced staff report that the structure provided increases their confidence and their knowledge of specific areas of the subject. Overall this supports our drive for excellence in our teaching and learning for all pupils in PE.
- The sports funding and the opportunities it provides in school impacts on many children and their families engagement in sporting activities outside school. The children often state that they have chosen to access these activities after we have highlighted the possibilities during lessons.
- Membership of West Berkshire sports network is crucial in enabling an extremely high percentage of our children to participate in inter school competition. There are competitive opportunities for our most skilled children in specific areas but also many opportunities designed to boost wellbeing and self-belief. In addition to this there are a

variety of events where pupils can experience new sports. Particular priority is given to PPG children to attend any of these events and encourage them particularly to access the competitive challenges that they may not have an opportunity to take part in from home.

- By the end of this year 92% of KS2 had been sports ambassadors and represented the school. 70% of Year 2 has been Sports Ambassadors and represented the school, this lower percentage is due to the smaller number of events available for this age group.

Our PE specialist teacher Mrs Gallagher now leads and trains a team of specialist staff, supported by our other specialists Mrs Hawkins, Miss Head and Mrs Stroud who all together provide all the PE teaching in the school for our children.

Mrs Gallagher also leads and facilitates the BTA PE network, which gives other PE leaders a forum to share concerns, questions and solutions about challenges for sport and PE at a local level.

### **Meeting National Curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety**

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| What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort swim competently, over a distance of at least 25 metres?      | 94% |
| What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort use a range of strokes effectively?                           | 90% |
| What percentage of your current Year 6 cohort perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations? | 42% |

### **2022-2023**

We are continuing with our current arrangements into 2022-2023 whilst reviewing our practice and exploring new projects.