

PE & Sport Funding

“PE and Sport engages young people in a positive way of life, it develops their self-esteem and prepares them for academic work – also it makes them productive citizens for the future.”

Columba Blango (Former School Governor – Olympic Decathlete 1980)



The government provides additional funding to improve provision of Physical Education (PE) and Sport in primary schools. This funding – provided jointly by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture and Media and Sport – has been allocated to primary schools. It is ring-fenced and therefore can only be spent on provision of PE and sport in schools.

Purpose of funding

Schools must spend the additional funding in order to improve the quality and breadth of PE and Sport provision, but they have the freedom to choose how they do this.

P.E. and school sport play a very important part in the life of St. John’s Catholic School. We believe that P.E. and school sport contribute to the holistic development of our children. Through participation in a variety of sporting opportunities, our children build and learn more about key values such as respect, co-operation and kindness for themselves and others.

The funding for St. John’s catholic School is currently just over £8,000 per year and is used to promote enjoyment, engagement of sport and exercise and healthy lifestyles by:

Working with the School Sports Partnership – the main provider of many of the following:

- Hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches
- Increasing pupils’ participation in inter and intra school competitions
- Providing places for pupils in after-school sports clubs
- Introducing new initiatives such as developing young sport leaders in KS2
- Targeting groups of pupils to help improve their physical development and develop natural talent
- Implementing activities to supplement the PE and sport already established in school such as Sailing lessons, Cycling events etc
- Provide quality assured professional development opportunities for teachers, enabling quality teaching and learning of PE and Sport for all children