

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School and Nursery



Physical Education Policy

Rationale

At Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, we pride ourselves on promoting a wide range of activities across the curriculum, within extra-curricular activities and visits which promote an active lifestyle.

Vision for PE

At Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, we aim to promote, encourage, and support the achievement of all our pupils. The work done within the subject of Physical Education is designed to complement, contribute and support this aim.

The Physical Education curriculum offers a range of experiences that meet the needs of the individual pupils and allows the children to gain greater control over their bodies. Physical education can also make a significant contribution to a child's emotional, intellectual and personal development; particularly their self-esteem.

Through Physical Education, pupils gain both enjoyment and fitness. They develop an understanding of the skills necessary for developing independent self-challenging work, teamwork, confidence, tolerance and perseverance. They also begin to appreciate their own strengths and weaknesses as well as those of others.

We encourage pupils to participate in frequent physical activity throughout their lives, and strongly encourage pupils to attend extra-curricular activities available within school and to be aware of leisure opportunities within the community.

Physical Education Aims

Physical Education in the National Curriculum provides a basis for us to deliver a broad and balanced physical education programme which helps us to fulfil our main aims which are:

1. To promote a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle by developing self-motivation to take part in physical activity outside school and to promote the importance of a healthy and balanced diet:

By developing a positive attitude and interest in a wide range of physical activities.

By raising awareness of issues regarding Health Related Fitness with PE and other subjects.

By raising awareness of the potential dangers of obesity.

2. To provide equal opportunities for all children to access a broad and balanced curriculum:

Detailed coverage of a range of subjects.

Activities, skills and sports links that are progressive through each year group

Differentiation through assessment and identification of each child's strengths and challenges

3. To contribute to the physical, intellectual and social development of each child:

Size, strength, fitness, speed, gross and fine motor skills

Aesthetic appreciation and understanding of Dance and Gymnastics

Knowledge of a broad range of different activities or sports

Co-operating in groups, as part of a team, playing fairly to rules, mixing with children from other schools and showing a good level of sportsmanship.

Knowledge of health and fitness as well as safety

4. To provide opportunities for all children to achieve their full potential through curricular and extra-curricular activities:

Breakfast, lunch and after school clubs

Change for life clubs and multi skills clubs

5. To provide opportunities to participate in competitive sport

Intra – PE lessons, House teams, football, basketball etc., Sports Day

In order to achieve these aims, Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School will:

- Follow a broad and balanced PE curriculum fulfilling the demands of the National Curriculum and differentiate lessons to meet the needs of all our children.
- Ensure every child has 2 hours of good quality PE each week.
- Aim to ensure every child in Year 6 can swim 25 metres and has basic water skills.
- Provide opportunities for all children to participate in extra-curricular sport.
- Promote and give all children the opportunities to represent their school in competitive fixtures both within and outside of school sport.
- Aim to develop the fitness of each pupil, by ensuring a good pace in lessons and incorporating fitness activities across the curriculum.
- Aim to involve the community where possible. e.g. sports day, community club links, inter-school matches, outside coaching personnel, resources, secondary schools.
- Forge strong links with the TWSSP - sharing good practice, assessment, resources and competition.
- Provide an enjoyable experience where positive attitudes of sensitivity, co-operation and competition may develop and an environment where all children have the opportunity to enjoy and achieve.
- Use the government's Sports Premium funding effectively.

Sports Premium Funding

Through the allocation of Sports Premium funding we have the opportunity to up skill and train our teachers and support staff, provide new opportunities to inspire all children by participating in a range of new and exciting sporting activities which will provide a lasting, sustainable and positive effect on PE and Sport within our school and our community. We strongly believe in the health, social and emotional benefits of high quality Sport and PE for all our children and believe the enhanced provision and enriched PE and sport programme that the Sports Premium funding is helping us provide will ensure maximum impact on learning both in and beyond the school environment.

We plan to use the Sports Premium funding across these 4 areas to provide even more opportunities for all children to enjoy and achieve within PE and sport:

1. Purchasing a range of sports equipment to support PE and playtimes to enthuse all children.
2. Supporting regular sports tournaments, festivals and competitions for all children organised by the school, Beacon Trust or School Sports Partnership.
3. Providing training and professional development opportunities for all staff, including qualified sports coaches working alongside primary teachers.
4. Following quality PE curriculum and schemes of work for each Key Stage.

PE at Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School offers the opportunity for children to:

- Become skilful and intelligent performers

- Acquire and develop; skills, performing with increasing physical competence and confidence, in a range of physical activities and contexts
- Develop the ability to select and apply skills, tactics and compositional ideas to suit activities that need different approaches and ways of thinking
- Develop their ideas in a creative way
- Set targets for themselves and compete against others, individually and as team members
- Understand what it takes to persevere, succeed and acknowledge others' success
- Respond to a variety of challenges in a range of physical contexts and environments
- Take the initiative to lead an activity and focus on evaluating and improving aspects of their own performance
- Discover their own attitudes and preferences for different activities and different roles and responsibilities within the activities
- Make informed decisions about the importance of exercise in their lives
- Develop positive attitudes to participation in physical activity both in and out of the school curriculum

Through the development of these physical, social and cognitive competences children will be able to move safely, effectively and efficiently, understand what they are doing and easily transfer these skills to achieve academic success across the curriculum. These aims will allow every child to become physically literate and continue a lifelong active lifestyle.

Curriculum Coverage

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School strives to develop a broad and balanced Physical Education curriculum where all children can enjoy and achieve. Our PE coaches have developed a timetable for each class to have two Physical Education lessons per week (2 hours) with access to all of our indoor and outside space. Every lesson will contain elements required by the National Curriculum as well as differentiation to suit the needs of the individual children:

Key Stage 1:

Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics

Key Stage 2:

Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Athletics, Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Swimming

The curriculum has been designed to ensure a wide coverage of the National Curriculum. All classes will be expected to have covered the 2 activity areas for their specific year group in each half-term block.

PE in the Foundation Stage:

At Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, we believe that young children learn through using all of their senses through being active and interactive. Activities are planned specifically to ensure a safe, well-resourced environment, which helps them to build on and develop their confidence and independence. Children are given time to explore, experiment and refine their social, interpersonal skills as well as gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Teachers will provide children with a balance of opportunities for all round physical development using a range of equipment, apparatus and stimuli to encourage the development of specific skills.

PE in Key Stage 1:

Children continue to build on their early experiences and move into paired and group activities. They begin to play simple games, explore and link actions, improve coordination and response to stimuli. They develop greater awareness of others and begin to develop their own ideas and creativity. Children improve their use of apparatus and equipment and continue to develop gross motor skills and hand-eye coordination. Children focus on developing excellent fundamental movement skills. They learn to refine skills in throwing, catching and kicking and working cooperatively. They continue to develop co-ordination, balance and achieve greater control over their movements. They develop their visual and auditory awareness and begin to express themselves through movement and communicate ideas and feelings about their performance.

PE in Key Stage 2:

Children build on their previous experiences and the seven fundamental movement skills through a broader P.E curriculum. They learn specific skills and refine and improve existing ones. Children learn and demonstrate the importance of teamwork in pairs and small groups, and are taught common skills and principles for playing games with increasing complexity. They are given opportunities to be creative in developing their own rules as well as learning the conventions of traditional games. Children will take part in competitive experiences and develop greater awareness over the importance of their efforts, winning with modesty, and losing with grace. Children begin to sequence movements with greater complexity, and develop poise and control over their actions, including equipment and apparatus. They respond creatively to stimuli and improve compositional work, performance and content. They become confident at evaluating their own performances and others, and reflect on how they can refine and improve their skills. Children develop greater awareness of the importance of physical activity and the effect upon their own body.

Inclusion and Equal Opportunities:

All children at Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School are entitled to participate in the P.E. curriculum regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion or special educational need. At Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, we feel that it is essential that all children's efforts are valued and supported in a safe and secure environment. Where children have specific sensory and physical needs, adaptations to the curriculum may be necessary to ensure that children have every opportunity to succeed at their particular stage of development. Teachers are able to develop and differentiate tasks by outcome. More able children can be challenged by extending the specific task and less physically able can be encouraged to achieve success by breaking the task down into simple progressive stages to be addressed where appropriate. Teachers are aware that they need not teach rigidly within the programme of study for each key stage. In order to enable the small proportion of children who may need more provision, to progress, demonstrate achievement and succeed, teachers can adapt and differentiate activities according to the needs of the children. For children with statements, support plans should be consulted and teachers will select materials and strategies which enable inclusion. Material can also be selected from earlier or later key stages, and presented in a context which is suitable for the child's needs. Teaching assistants may also be used to help individualise tasks ensuring progress in every lesson. As a school we strive to ensure achievement is possible for all children.

Sports Committee

Children are nominated to be on the Sports Committee each academic year. This is a very important position for children to hold. The Sports Committee meet together at lunchtimes once a half term to discuss sporting opportunities that have taken place during the previous half term and also to plan for new opportunities for the term ahead, evaluating and monitoring their successes. They will be asked to express their opinions and views on how sport at Sir Alexander Fleming is running and will provide an important link between the children and the school leadership team. In addition to this, your child will take part in a range of new sports that they may be already established in, or that are completely new.

Assessment

Formative assessment, in the form of verbal feedback during lessons, is an essential and integral part of P.E. This may come from the coaches, teacher, teaching assistants or other children during the lesson but children are encouraged to self-assess and set themselves targets for the next lesson. Children will often be given short-term pointers throughout each session in order to improve their immediate performance of a skill.

As with all lessons across the curriculum the main method of gathering evidence and assessing achievement is made through a continuous process of teacher observation, questioning and answering. This is continuous informed assessment based on knowledge of the child and the content of the work.

Over the last year, Sir Alexander Fleming Primary school has signed up to iPEP to assist the planning, delivery and assessment of PE. iPEP is a fully interactive lesson planned and assessment tool, allowing teachers to quickly create Ofsted approved short, medium and long-term planning. iPEP incorporates reception baseline assessment, KS1 and KS2 minimum standards.

Resources

Our PE timetable allows all children to access two hours of quality PE and use of all our facilities. The hall contains a good quality of gymnastics apparatus including fixed climbing frames and a variety of moveable and hook on pieces

Playground and markings of netball, basketball, tennis and football pitches remain all year round, while the field markings change from games markings in the winter to athletics in the summer.

Children and staff should have access to a range of well-organised, appropriate resources to develop the ability to select the appropriate equipment for a task.

New equipment has been bought using our PE funding to ensure high quality resources are available to all children.

Teachers will ensure that all resources are available when they are needed.

Everyday resources will be stored and available from the PE storage areas and returned appropriately after use.

Teachers will notify the PE Coordinator of damaged resources.

Children should be taught to use resources/equipment appropriately and safely.

Teachers should use a range of resources to differentiate for all children's needs.

Any new equipment needed must be discussed and ordered via the PE coordinator who has control of the PE budget.

Risk Assessment and Safety

At Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School, staff understand that risk assessments are a legal requirement under the 'Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992'. Risk assessment is largely a process of logic, common sense and sound planning and should be applied to any activity that forms part of the PE programme. Once the 'hazard' has been identified then risk

control means that precautions should be implemented which minimises or prevent harm. Regular checks and risk assessment should be made by all teachers as well as ongoing risk assessments, annual safety checks and repairs. Teachers should continuously check equipment and apparatus as it is being taken out and used in every lesson. If a significant hazard has been identified, it should be immediately taken out of use and reported to the PE coordinator.

PE Kit

Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School staff expect all children to change for PE into the agreed clothing for each activity area. Children are expected to wear the school PE kit in order to ensure safe participation during all lessons. From an early age getting changed independently and understanding the health, fitness and safety aspects within Physical Education is a priority and is one of the first elements we teach our reception children.

Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn during PE and children are required to remove items such as earrings, necklaces, watches and rings etc. Pupils are responsible for the safe storage of their own property. Items such as earrings, which the child may be unable to remove, should be covered by surgical tape. Long hair should be tied back out of children's eyes.

Medical Needs

All PE coaches are first aid trained and each class has a record of individual needs of the children. A full first aid list is available at the main office. Children take their own inhaler and spacer to each activity and if the class is leaving the school grounds an emergency inhaler is taken. If any other medical equipment, such as an epipen is required the staff are made aware and it is taken with them.

PE Kit

Throughout the school, there are always two adults in the class when children are getting changed for PE or any afterschool club. Older children are given the opportunity to get changed in single sex groups. All children are expected to get changed in to the school PE kit; the needs of children with religious or cultural beliefs are respected. In the event of a child forgetting or not bringing their PE kit, teachers should try, where possible, to keep spare PE clothes to ensure all children can participate in two hours of PE. If this continues to occur then parents will be informed.