

Pilgrims' Way Primary School

PE Policy



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RATIONALE

Physical education, when experienced in a safe and supportive environment, is a vital and unique contributor to a pupil's physical and emotional health development and well-being.

Physical education develops pupils' physical competence and confidence and their ability to use these to perform a range of activities. It provides opportunities for pupils to be creative, competitive and to face up to different challenges as individuals and in teams, some of which are unique to physical education. It promotes positive attitudes towards active and healthy lifestyles. Physical Education contributes to the overall education of all children by helping them to lead full and valuable lives through engaging in purposeful and high-quality activity.

It promotes active and healthy lifestyles, physical skills, physical development and knowledge of the body in action. PE enables children to learn confidence, perseverance, team spirit, positive competitiveness and organisation. Children must engage in a programme of PE that encourages fitness and improves their strength. PE is an integral part of school practices allowing all children in the school to gain a sense of achievement and develop positive attitudes towards themselves and others.

KEY CONCEPTS

The PE national curriculum involves pupils in the continuous process of acquiring and developing skills; selecting and applying skills, tactics and compositional ideas; knowledge and understanding of fitness and health; and evaluating and improving performance.

Through high quality PE, pupils will have the opportunity to meet high quality outcomes set out by the Department for Education

- Children are committed to PE and sport, both in and out of school.
- Children know and understand what they are trying to achieve and how they will achieve it.
- Children understand that PE and sport play a key role in leading a healthy, active lifestyle.
- Children have the confidence to get involved in PE and try new activities without worry.
- Children show good body control, poise, balance and fluency in their movements.
- Children willingly take part in competitive and creative activities.
- Children show a desire to improve their performance.
- Children can think and make appropriate decisions about their performance for themselves.
- Children enjoy PE and school sport.

TIME ALLOCATION

The Government recommends the following minimum PE requirements to meet the National Curriculum demands:-

Two hours of high quality PE a week within curriculum time.

Three hours OSHL (out of school hours learning) such as extra-curricular sports clubs.

Swimming to be taught to Years 4,5 and 6 when it is safe to do so and facilities are available.

HEALTH RELATED ACTIVITY

Pupils should be taught:-

1. How exercise affects the body in the short term.
2. To warm up and prepare appropriately for different exercises.
3. Why physical activity is good for their health and well-being. Pupils should be encouraged to develop active lifestyles that can be maintained throughout adult life.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity and provision in PE and OSHL activities will be planned and delivered to meet the needs of all pupils. PE experience will reflect the whole school policy on promoting equal opportunities for all pupils in terms of organisation, programme and access to resources.

Differentiation should enable all pupils to achieve the best of their ability.

Differentiation can be catered for in a range of ways, such as;

- Setting common tasks that are open-ended and can have a variety of answers
- Setting tasks of increasing difficulty, where not all children can complete all tasks - Providing a range of challenges through the provision of a variety of appropriate resources / equipment, individual, paired and group work - STTEP Principle – Space, Time, Type, Equipment, People

Inclusion

Pilgrims' Way Primary school is an inclusive and diverse primary school in the centre of Canterbury, which teaches pupils from the ages of 3-11. We provide an irresistible, broad and balanced curriculum to meet the needs of all our pupils.

The curriculum is designed to make learning relevant and meaningful by embedding context and activating pupil's prior knowledge. Pupils are given opportunities to demonstrate their learning through cultural and personal links. Mainstream Core Standards are used to support all children's access to the curriculum with learning scaffolded to support learners' diverse needs. Teaching opportunities across the curriculum are designed to develop language and literacy so that pupils become fluent in the academic language of the primary curriculum.

We actively liaise with parents to help them support their children's learning.

SEN

In the case of SEN pupils, activities and equipment will be modified where necessary to enable maximum participation. Individual teachers will consult with the parent/carer with

regard to the specific needs of their pupils, which will be supported where possible with due regard to health and safety.

Gifted and Talented

The whole school register for Gifted and Talented pupils should include those talented in PE. Provision for these pupils in both curriculum, OSHL and beyond the school environment must be mapped and planned appropriately in partnership with those with subject expertise, parents/carers and the pupil.

Physical difficulties

Children who cannot in the short term be physically active such as those with injuries, long-term illness etc. should be involved in the non-performance aspects of the activity. They can work with individuals or groups helping with the evaluating and improving aspects of the tasks. Non-participants should change into suitable footwear (where appropriate) and be involved in consultative mechanisms i.e. focus group, questionnaires.

PE clothing

All children playing an active role in PE must have appropriate clothing

- Pilgrims' Way colour team T-shirt or another shirt
- Dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers – outdoor PE
- Plimsolls – Indoor PE

Children must not wear anything on their feet for gymnastics lessons. This includes tights and socks.

All members of staff should play an active role in PE lessons must also have appropriate clothing.

- Pilgrims' Way T-shirt
- Dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Trainers

Hair should be neat and tidy and kept out of eyes. Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Jewellery should be removed. Children may wear one pair of **small ear studs** (no hoops or dangly earrings are permitted in school) which must be removed, by the child, for all PE activities. On PE days please do not send children to school with ear studs in, as staff are not permitted to take them out and your child will not be able to participate with them in.

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