

## PE and Sport Funding 2013/14 and 2014/15 Outline (September 2015)

The school very much applauds the government's decision to reverse its initial cuts to funding for Sport and PE and welcomes the new package of measures designed to promote fun, fitness and good health, all priority areas for the pupils of St Gregory's.

Expectations were that a sum approaching £8000 constitute the PE and Sport Grant and that this would be released to school budgets by September 2013. There have been complications with 65% of the grant delivered with the remaining 35% promised sometime in 2014.

The expected total figure via this new timetable is set at £7535 (lump sum) with a further £5 per pupil ( $214 \times £5 = £1070$  for our school). Thus a grand total of £8605 is anticipated.

To date (February 2014) £5,595 has been received. In anticipation of the full amount the following sums have been spent to provide a mix of in service training for new staff, essential if we are to see any long term benefits for schools and to provide additional coaching opportunities for children of all ages.

The HT attended a special invitation only event at the Stadium Of Light early in the Summer Term 2013 as Baroness Sue Campbell CBE and Dame Estelle Morris (Formerly SOS for Education) outlined the role of the Youth Sport's Trust in providing schools with high quality opportunities to enable pupil participation in Sport, PE and Competitive Games.

The conference was well attended and gave clear emphasis to how the new funding could and should be used to provide some sort of lasting legacy. We are all well aware of the health related problems that face pupils who adopt a sedentary lifestyle from an early age and this combined with poor diet is a ticking time bomb. In short the life expectancy of primary aged pupils today could be less than that of their parents for the first time ever. The generation of children brought up during and immediately after the Second World War are, despite rationing and food shortages, the fittest generation we have had in the 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The results of diet and lack of exercise from the 1970's onwards can clearly be seen today and the situation has worsened with obesity a massive problem.

The monies received from the government to improve Sport, PE and increase opportunities for competitive games are welcomed but we need to be far sighted in how funding is spent if the objectives of the scheme are to be met.

As soon as funding was announced schools have been inundated with offers from companies to provide coaching sessions across and after the school day. It would be very easy indeed to spend the maximum and provide across the one year a range of opportunities for a number of pupils. The coaching companies would maximise profits and short term, the children would enjoy accessing numerous opportunities. If the money stops or is reduced then that would be it. We need and Baroness Campbell and Estelle Morris made this abundantly clear, to think longer term. Training for teachers to become coaches or just better teachers of PE is a sensible option to bring into play if we are to see any lasting benefit from these monies.

The Youth Sports Trust and organisations, including SAFC that meet its strict criteria as training providers can provide opportunities for our current teaching staff to learn how to coach and make PE a relevant and exciting subject.

So an immediate priority for our school was to develop links with organisations that could provide high quality training opportunities for staff.

Two members of staff, DF and CG worked with coaches from SAFC across the Autumn Term 2013 on a specialist coaching and teaching programme. Both successfully achieved the required standard and were awarded: BTEC 1 award in the Principles of Planning and Conducting Coaching Activities in Sport. This will enable them to replicate and extend a series of coaching sessions with their classes in the future. So foundations have been laid and hopefully these will be built upon as sustainability is the key to any future success.

DF also worked alongside KM to learn how to coach a gymnastics session and is working alongside Keith for one hour per week this Spring Term to learn the rudiments of Rugby Football.

Alongside this would be a desire to increase the number of sessions taught in school by Specialist PE Staff.

In addition we would look to engage with high quality providers to devise, alongside staff, a series of sessions for our youngest pupils both in lesson time and during pre, lunch and post school sessions.

We intend to extend pupil opportunities for Outdoor Education utilising Mr Keith Morris, a PE and Outdoor Education specialist who has provided a range of quality PE sessions for pupils across the school and in holiday clubs. Mr Morris has worked extensively with Y3, Y4 and Y5.

We will also look to maximise opportunities for all pupils via our After School Club Offers which are very well attended. Long standing clubs for football, karate, tennis, summer games etc are well established. Newer clubs for gymnastics, Irish dancing and Dance and theatre are popular too.

Our work with Peter Gulbranson and Sustrans has seen a huge increase in pupils cycling and scooting to school on a daily basis. Family rides and rides after school and at weekends as well as a range of other cycling activities have taken place over the last three years and will hopefully continue.

Links with Secondary Schools and the South Tyneside initiatives to enable schools to participate in meaningful competitive competition are in place and flourishing. Our netball and football teams compete regularly in both local and via the Diocese, regional competition. There is still room for expansion here into Athletics and Cross Country and other less established sports.

In short our school is committed to providing and maintaining opportunities for all of our children to participate in and enjoy sport.

A breakdown of spending so far across 2013 / 14 is set out below:

Annual Membership of Youth Sports Trust:	£300
Specialist PE Teaching One additional Afternoon every week Across the Autumn Term (32 sessions @£100) (Mr K Morris)	£3,200
Spring Term: one afternoon (14 sessions @£100)	£1,400
Additional Outdoor Activities led by Mr Morris (£240 plus travel per day)	£800
SAFC Partnership: (£2,675 Total) Principles of Coaching Sport Programme SAFC (Gold) 10 x 2 hour Sessions	£1000
"Little Dribblers": Reception Team Coaching Autumn and Spring Terms (Thursdays)	£1,675
Football Team Coaching (Monday lunchtime); Skill Development Sessions: Y1 / Y2 and Y3/Y4; KS2 Football: Post School; KS1 Football: Post School.	
School Sports Partnership LA / St Wilfrids:	£300

**Total to date: April 14: £8,675**

In addition we also buy into the Outdoor Education offer with South Tyneside Council that enables our Y5 children to either prepare for or follow up their annual trip to Thurston Outdoor Activity Centre. The pre / post training involves, canoeing, orienteering and climbing (£614)

**Update: September 9 2014**

The total budget confirmed for the Academic Year 2013 /14 has been finalised at **£8905**. Spending for the school across the same period totalled **£9289** with a further increase to be transferred to the Outdoor Education offer after this budget was used to enable Y6 pupils to spend two days canoeing in July.

Plans already in place for September 2014 and the new academic year include:

The retention of all opportunities set out in the 13/14 offer and:

An additional session of specialist PE tuition for KS2 pupils designed to build on the progress made so far by enabling two specialist coaches to work with half classes of pupils to enable better individual attention to be made to enhance skill development in Gymnastics and small sided games. These new small group sessions are not designed to meet Teacher PPA regulations but to better enable specialist staff to work more closely with smaller groups of KS2 pupils and promote accelerated skill development and confidence.

In a similar way, the school's pioneering work with Sustrans to develop our children as confident cyclists is to be extended. This first half term will see preparations in place for a "challenge" ride. A 50 mile return trip for confident and capable Y6 pupils, accompanied by staff and parents. The team will cycle from school on a Friday and travel to the Diocesan Youth Centre near Consett in County Durham. And return on the Saturday via the Derwent and Tyne valley cycle routes (90% of the journey is off road). The cost of £30 per pupil and adult participants will be subsidised.

A full breakdown of costs associated with the current and now improved offer for the coming Academic Year will be calculated across the year and a full financial breakdown itemising how the grant has been used, will be added to this document and the website in due course.

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