

Primary PE and sport funding - accountability measures

Ofsted will monitor the impact of this funding on primary PE and school sport and report on its findings

From September 2013, Ofsted will strengthen its coverage of PE and sport as well as considering how effectively schools have used their additional funding. The impact of the funding will be considered in terms of:

- achievement in weekly PE lessons;
- increased participation in competitive school sport;
- personal health and well-being; and
- improved attitudes and behaviour towards learning.

Inspectors will be assessing and reporting on how effectively this new funding is being used to improve PE and sport provision when making the judgement on the quality of the school's **leadership and management**. In addition, inspectors must take account how increasing participation in PE and sport is helping all pupils develop healthy lifestyles and reach the performance levels they are capable of, when making judgements about the **achievement** of pupils at the school. When evaluating the curriculum, inspectors will be considering pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development. The opportunities created by the school for pupils to take part in a range sporting events and activities are part of those considered by Ofsted as relevant in promoting aspects of pupils' SMSC development.

Primary schools should publish on their website information about their use of the new funding. This should include:

- the amount of grant received;
- how it has, or will be, spent; and
- what impact the school has seen on pupils' PE and sport participation and attainment.

Inspectors will expect school leaders and Governors to be able to give an evaluation of the quality and breadth of PE and sport provision and how the new funding has been used to make improvements. There is an increased expectation of PE lesson observations and inspectors are likely to ask young people for their views on PE, sport and what their school does to keep them healthy and active. Evidence may also be used from observations of extra-curricular sports clubs and inspectors may review the details of a school's PE and sport provision on their school website prior to an inspection. Ofsted will expect additionality from the investment, it will not be sufficient to be maintaining current levels of quality or provision.

Inspectors have been asked to consider the impact of the new primary school sport funding on pupils' lifestyles and physical well-being by taking into account of the following factors:

- the increase in participation rates in such activities as games, dance, gymnastics, swimming and athletics;
- the increase and success in competitive school sports;
- how much more inclusive the physical education curriculum has become;

- the growth in the range of provisional and alternative sporting activities;
- the improvement in partnership work on physical education with other schools and other local partners;
- links with other subjects that contribute to pupils' overall achievement and their greater social, spiritual, moral and cultural skills; and
- the greater awareness amongst pupils about the dangers of obesity, smoking and other such activities that undermine pupils' health.

Schools should also expect that Ofsted will be mindful of the way they are tackling common weaknesses, as identified in the most recent inspection survey report of the overall effectiveness of PE (Beyond 2012 – outstanding physical education for all 2013). Whilst this report found that PE was good or outstanding in two thirds of the 120 primary schools visited, it identified a number of common weaknesses in primary PE including:

- teachers' lack of detailed subject knowledge;
- superficial lesson planning and limited use of assessment;
- not enough opportunities for pupils to participate and compete in school sport;
- insufficient focus on promoting pupils' physical fitness;
- no strategy to improve the health and well-being of all pupils; and
- not all pupils could swim 25 metres unaided by the end of Key Stage 2.

Useful documents:

The Beyond 2012 Ofsted survey report:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/beyond-2012-outstanding-physical-education-for-all>

The Sept '13 updated Ofsted subsidiary guidance:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/subsidiary-guidance-supporting-inspection-of-maintained-schools-and-academies-january-2012>

The Sept '13 updated Ofsted handbook:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/school-inspection-handbook>