



Physical Education Policy

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Next Review: February 2026

Our Vision

Aiming high and Achieving Our Best

Our Values

Curiosity – we are inquisitive learners who love to explore and investigate!

Creativity – we are imaginative and inventive!

Confidence – we have a resilient, 'can-do' attitude to learning!

Caring – We are kind and respectful to each other and to our environment

Aims

To provide an environment and curriculum that stimulates every child's desire to learn; to teach creatively to inspire children with unique learning experiences; to foster high aspirations and encourage children to be the boss of their own learning, to enable children to confidently take on the world

Chair of Governing Body:

Head Teacher:

Physical Education Policy

1. Introduction

Penponds Primary School recognises the vital contribution of physical education (PE) to a child's physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, as well as the role it can play in relation to a child's spiritual, moral and cultural development. PE is an integral part of the curriculum to be enjoyed by all children. It is a real opportunity for both teachers and children to consolidate and work on the values that underpin every aspect of school life.

2. Intention and Aims Generally

It is the intention of the school to provide a broad and balanced PE curriculum to aid and increase children's self-confidence in relation to their ability to manage themselves and their bodies within a variety of movement situations.

The aim is to cater for the different strengths, needs and preferences of each child by using differentiated activities (where appropriate) consisting of individual paired and group activities. Through the variety of opportunities that PE offers children can develop a sense of personal achievement, fair play, teamwork and an understanding of the ways in which sport can transcend social and cultural boundaries. A range of activities will therefore be provided with a broad base of movement knowledge, skills and understanding, which children can refine and expand throughout their primary school years.

Children of all abilities will be encouraged to join clubs and organisations with the aim of extending their interest and involvement in sport. We will also encourage children to develop their creative and expressive abilities, through improvisation and problem-solving.

Children who are taught to appreciate the importance of a healthy and fit body begin to understand those factors which affect health and fitness. Our aim to raise children's awareness in this regard is therefore closely aligned with the school's policy on Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE).

Through the Government Funding for Sport the School will, where possible, provide opportunities for both pupils and teachers to work with and alongside PE specialists and sports coaches. The aim is to enhance specialist and coaching facilities and to develop the skills and expertise of staff to provide better coaching, mentoring and advice to pupils across the whole PE and sport spectrum. Spending will be reviewed and published on the school website.

3. Specific Aims in relation to Physical Development

Different experiences for different age groups will ensure all pupils will be exposed to a range of appropriate challenges as they move through the school so that they:

- Develop physical competence and confidence by acquiring and developing a range of fine and gross motor skills.
- Become aware of the different shapes and movements that can be made with the body.
- Develop knowledge, skills and understanding, and the ability to remember, repeat and refine actions with increasing control and accuracy.
- Become aware of the benefits of a fit and healthy lifestyle by understanding the effects of exercise on the body and the importance of developing strength, endurance and flexibility.
- Appreciate the value of safe exercising.

4. Specific Aims in Relation to Social, Emotional and Cognitive Development

Participation in PE and sport have other additional benefits which should help to:

- Develop a love of physical exercise.
- Develop the ability to work independently and communicate with, and respond appropriately towards, others using verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Develop confidence in skills and abilities.
- Promote an understanding of safe practice, and develop a sense of responsibility for the safety of others.
- Realise that the right exercise can be fun and energise other things in life.

- Create and plan games for mutual benefit.
- Develop a sense of fair play.
- Develop decision making and problem solving skills.
- Develop reasoning skills and the ability to make judgements.
- Develop an increasing ability to select, link and apply skills, tactics and compositional ideas.
- Develop the ability to communicate non-verbally with the body.
- Improve observational skills, the ability to describe and make simple judgements, and to use this knowledge and understanding to improve performance.
- Understand that using correct techniques will improve accuracy and performance.
- Enable performance evaluation and the ability to act upon constructive criticism.

Spiritual, Moral and Cultural development

Developing a positive attitude generally is not simply about celebrating sporting success and learning to lose well; but also encouraging children always to do their very best regardless of their ability; praising progress and achievement in a way that does not cause fear or upset for lack of performance or failure; and treating team mates, opponents and referees with respect. Essentially, using every opportunity to maintain and raise self-esteem all round.

5. The PE Curriculum

In the Reception Class, opportunities will be provided for children to be active and to develop their co-ordination, control and movement through moving and handling activities which involve the use of a range of equipment and involve different spatial experiences. Structured lessons and opportunities for outdoor physical activity will last at least 2 hours each week.

Pupils in both KS1 and KS2 will engage in lessons of high quality PE each week. In KS1 the curriculum focuses on fundamental movement skills to develop agility, balance and co-ordination. Curriculum content includes ball skills and team games, gymnastic and dance activities. At KS2 pupils will continue to apply and develop a range of skills and units of work which include a range of invasion, net/wall, and fielding and striking games, gymnastics, dance, athletics and swimming. Children's experiences will also be enriched through opportunities for outdoor and adventurous activities. A range of resources

will be used to support progression across the curriculum including: Arena resources and specialist coaching sessions for different sports.

6. Swimming

Swimming lessons will be compulsory for all children from Year 3. Lessons will be provided by qualified swimming coaches at Carn Brea Leisure Centre. From Year 5 those children who are confident swimmers may be taught Lifesaving skills. Any child unable to swim 25m at the end of their swimming block in Year 6 will be given extra lessons.

7. Earrings in PE/Swimming

Earrings must be removed before participating in PE lessons (including swimming). If a child is not able to remove their own earrings parents should do so before school on a PE day. If there are exceptional circumstances which prevents this from being possible for a defined period of time, parents should provide a letter explaining the reasons and the date from which earrings can be removed. During this period the earrings will be made safe using micro pore tape, however a teacher may ask a child wearing earrings not to participate in an activity if they feel the risk is sufficient.

8. Curriculum Differentiation

The school uses the principle of STEP for adjusting lesson activities for differentiation.

Some children with particular needs may require different activities, for example, with a particular focus on fine motor skills if hand to eye coordination is a challenge.

S = change the space available

T = change the time allowed

E = change the equipment, e.g. softer or larger balls, different sized bats

P = change the people, e.g. size of the groups

9. Safety

In order to minimise the risk of injury:

- Children should dress in shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts.
- Children will work in bare feet for indoor and apparatus work.
- Plimsolls or trainers are worn for outdoor games, together with tracksuits if cold.

- Jewellery is not to be worn. Ears pierced for less than six weeks will be covered with medical tape.
- Long hair should be tied back and rigid headbands should be removed.
- Children will be trained to lift and carry any apparatus sensibly into position under adult supervision, which will be checked by a teacher before use.

Safeguarding

All adults working with children in school with children will be DBS checked.

10. Out-of-school-hours Learning (OSHL)

Varied extra-curricular activities (both competitive and non-competitive) compliment and supplement the range of activities covered in curriculum time. The planned programme reflects a breadth and balance across the national curriculum areas of activity, including dance, football, surfing, netball, multi skills and athletics. A range of interschool fixtures, tournaments and festivals within the Camborne cluster are organised by CSIA throughout the year. KS1 festivals are organized within the MAT and take part at least once a term.

11. Links with Other Subjects

PE links to other subjects, e.g. Literacy, (recount/report/instructions), Science (body parts/pulse rates) and Maths shape /position /directions /counting/ measuring and graphical representation of data).

ICT is also recognised as a potential tool for recording movements and actions to develop children's ideas as well as the appropriate use of audio visual and data logging equipment.

12. Equality and Assessment

All aspects of PE will be taught in such a way as to include all children regardless of their gender, background, culture or physical ability. Learning objectives will be set in line with the school's Special Needs and Equality Policies.

Assessment for learning will be made through short term (daily/weekly) observations of children's work, through discussion with the children, and through their own self-assessment. Assessment of learning will be made through medium term (summative) assessments and longer term (formative) assessments.

13. School Sports Partnership

The school is a member of the Primary Sports Alliance Partnership and as such has access to curricular support, competitive opportunities for pupils, opportunities to be inspired by sporting ambassadors, and training for staff via the partnership. Accordingly, the School aspires to the 7 High Quality National Outcomes which guide the work of all PSAPs:

- Increased participation in high quality PE.
- Increased participation in high quality out of school hours learning.
- Increased participation in high quality informal activity.
- Increased attainment and achievement through PE and sport.
- Improved behaviour and attitude in PE, sport and whole school.
- Increased participation in competitive and performance opportunities.
- Increased involvement in community sport and improved quality of community life.

14. Monitoring and Review

This Policy will be reviewed every two years.

Review Date
February 2024