

PE and Sports Funding Impact 2020-21

Over the course of the academic year 2020 – 2021, Corsham Primary school received £21,500 as part of a government funded initiative - The PE and Sports Premium along with the carry over of £4500 from the previous year. The funding is as a result of the 2012 London Olympics and part of the Olympic legacy. The aim of the initiative is to improve the quality, variety and general provision of PE at primary schools. At Corsham Primary School the money has been invested to improve staff confidence and subject knowledge and enhance the school's curriculum by providing a wider variety of activities and competitive sports.

Coaching and mentoring

An outside agency, of fully qualified teachers and sports coaches, was used to deliver coaching and mentoring. The subject area in PE was expanded so teachers were receiving mentoring in Real PE and The PE Hub with more traditional sports like football, tennis etc. These lessons were observed regularly in order to monitor their impact and ensure their quality. After receiving mentoring for a six week period, staff were then observed teaching PE to monitor the impact of the coaching sessions. This was extremely successful and only stopped for the 8 weeks of school closure due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Staff also commented on the positive impact of coaching and mentoring sessions through an evaluation questionnaire and said they felt more confident delivering the curriculum as a result.

Healthy life style in and outside the classroom

A portion of the PE Premium was spent promoting and supporting a healthy lifestyle in and outside the classroom. Teachers promoted mini sessions within the classroom like Joe Wicks, mini HIIT (high intensity interval training) and Just Dance. We have promoted exercise during break times and lunch times providing the children with a variety of equipment and plenty of space. The Broadwood site also gained some static exercise equipment at the end of the year on the playground. During the 8 week Lockdown children were encouraged to participate in 30 minutes of exercise every day. Many of the children let their teachers know what they had been doing as well as uploading videos and photos of them participating in exercise. We had coaches that came

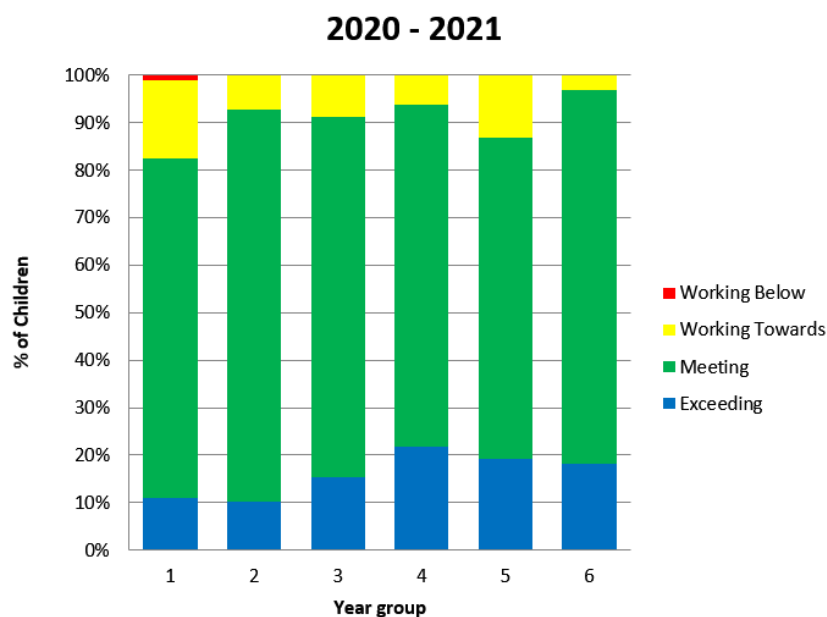
in during lunchtimes who got different cohorts of children participating in activities.

SSCO/Competitive Sport

Unfortunately the employment of a local SSCO was not available this year due to schools within the local area not mixing at events. As a school we provided a few Intrasport competitions against classes and year groups across the two sites which was a huge success. Sports day happened at both sites with children participating in 3 events each. We also had our first virtual competitions against the other schools in our MAT.

Attainment and Progress

The table below shows the positive impact the investment of government funding on the attainment and progress of children at Corsham Primary school. The use of stages



We had no data from 2019 -2020 due to Covid 19 Pandemic, but the data from 2020-2021 has shown an improvement in children’s skills which has been supported by using The PE Hub scheme of work, which has allowed children to build on and develop skills they have learnt previously. The biggest increase is in the amount of Year 6 pupils that are now at expected and greater depth.

There has been a dip in the data for Year 5 with there being an increase in the amount of children now at working towards. This year group has gained new pupils throughout the year as well as losing some pupils. Also the impact of another Lockdown has had an affect on some of the attitudes (especially girls) towards being Athletes.

The investment of government funding has had a positive impact on PE at Corsham Primary School. Teachers feel more confident delivering a varied Curriculum which promotes a healthy lifestyle and a life-long love of physical activity. Children are continuing to progress whilst experiencing a wide range of physical activities and build upon skills they have been learning.

For further information on how government funding was spent over 2020 - 2021 and its impact please see the evaluated Sports Action Plan.