

Ensuring the Sustainability of the Impact of the Sports Premium

The Sports Premium has been invaluable to St Nicholas in improving the teaching and learning of PE across the school; developing a high quality PE curriculum; ensuring our children have opportunities to participate in a wide range of lunch time, after school and holiday clubs and compete in many competitive sports with schools across our Northern Area School Partnership.

In the first 3 years of receiving the grant we used the Sports Premium to employ a specialist PE teacher. She worked closely with our PE Coordinator in developing a training programme (using the coaching model) for our teachers and support staff to ensure we raised the standard of teaching and learning of PE consistently across the school. Her legacy has been to develop schemes of work which allow the high quality of PE to continue to be delivered through the plans.

This year we are building upon these improvements by working with a different PE/Sport specialist. Coach Craig and his team are moving the school forwards by embedding the good practice in teaching and learning; training every teacher in using an electronic, whole school assessment system for the PE curriculum. All of which will ensure that the high quality, well-structured teaching and learning of PE will continue in the future and the assessment of progress in PE will be tangible and measureable and will inform future planning and subsequently raise standards.

This level of sustainability will be further developed because of the close working network of the Northern Area PE Coordinators, (including the nearby secondary school) and head teachers who continue to challenge and support Coach Craig and his team to forge links with other providers to offer a wider range and choice of sporting activities and venues.