

# Haydn Primary and Nursery School PE Policy 2026

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## **Physical Education (PE) Policy**

### **National Curriculum**

The national curriculum states: “A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. It should provide opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.”

### **Curriculum Intent**

At Haydn Primary School we recognise the value of Physical Education (P.E). We fully adhere to the aims of the national curriculum for physical education to ensure that all children:

- develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- are physically active for sustained periods of time
- engage in competitive sports and activities
- lead healthy, active lives

Physical education develops the children’s knowledge, skills and understanding, so that they can perform with increasing competence and confidence in a range of physical activities. These include dance, games, gymnastics, swimming and water safety, athletics and outdoor adventure activities. Physical education promotes an understanding in children of their bodies in action. It involves thinking, selecting and applying skills and promotes positive attitudes towards a healthy lifestyle. Because of this, we enable them to make informed choices about physical activity throughout their lives.

The aims of PE are:

- to enable children to develop and explore physical skills with increasing control and co-ordination;
- to encourage children to work and play with others in a range of group situations;
- to develop the way children perform skills and apply rules and conventions for different activities;
- to increase children’s ability to use what they have learnt to improve the quality and control of their performance;
- to teach children to recognise and describe how their bodies feel during exercise;
- to develop the children’s enjoyment of physical activity through creativity and imagination;
- to develop an understanding in children of how to succeed in a range of physical activities and how to evaluate their own success.

### **Curriculum Implementation**

#### **Teaching and learning style**

We use a variety of teaching and learning styles in PE lessons. Our principal aim is to develop the children’s knowledge, skills and understanding and we do this through a mixture of whole-class teaching and individual/group activities. Teachers draw attention to good examples of individual performance as models for the other children and we encourage the children to evaluate their own work as well as the work of other children. Within lessons we give the children the opportunity both to collaborate and to compete with each other, and they have the opportunity to use a wide range of resources.

In all classes there are children of differing physical ability. Whilst recognising this fact, we provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child. We achieve this through a range of strategies:

- setting common tasks that are open-ended and can have a variety of results, e.g. timed events;
- setting tasks of increasing difficulty, where not all children complete all tasks, e.g. the long jump;
- grouping children by ability and setting different tasks for each group, e.g. different games;
- providing a range of challenge through the provision of different resources, e.g. different gymnastics equipment.

### **Primary Sports Funding**

The School works as a collaborative unit in terms of taking all decisions; this will include decisions on funding, resourcing and time tabling. Ultimately, decisions on funding will rest with the PE subject leader and the Head teacher. The 'PE and Sport Premium' is designed to help primary schools improve the quality of the PE and sport activities they offer their children. Schools receive PE and Sport Premium funding based on the number of children in Years 1 to 6. Information about the school's funding allocation and how it is spent each year is published on the Haydn Primary School website under 'PE and Sport Premium'.

### **External providers**

**PE in most cases is now taught through a combination of teachers and external providers. The school employs Premier Sports to plan, teach and assess PE during teachers PPA time. We also have outside provision from a range of organisations who support us and enable us to offer a wider range of sporting opportunities, including dance and gymnastics specialists.**

### **PE curriculum planning**

PE is a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. Our school uses the new national scheme of work as the basis for its curriculum planning in PE. At Haydn, we acknowledge the DfE recommendation of 2 hours per week. As a result, children have access to two timetabled PE lessons a week. This may include swimming, dance or other games opportunities from external providers. We have adapted the national scheme to the local circumstances of the school. As required, we teach dance, games and gymnastics. In Key Stage 2 we teach compulsory dance, games and gymnastics, plus two other activities: swimming and water safety. Additional swimming sessions are offered to children in years 5 and 6 who do not meet the end of key stage 2 requirement of being able to swim 25 metres to enable them to catch up.

The curriculum planning in PE is carried out in three phases (long-term, medium-term and short-term). The long-term plan maps out the PE activities covered in each term during the key stage. The PE subject leader works this out in conjunction with teaching colleagues in each year group.

Our medium-term plans, which we have adopted from the national scheme, give details of each unit of work for each term. These plans define what we teach and ensure an appropriate balance and distribution of work across each term. The subject leader keeps and reviews these plans.

Class teachers/outside providers complete a daily plan for each PE lesson. These list the specific learning objectives for each lesson and give details of how the lessons are to be taught. The class teacher/outside provider keeps these individual plans, and the class teacher and subject leader often discuss them on an informal basis.

We plan the PE activities so that they build upon the prior learning of the children. While there are opportunities for children of all abilities to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in each activity area, there is

planned progression built into the scheme of work, so that the children are increasingly challenged as they move up through the school.

## **The Foundation Stage**

We encourage the physical development of our children in the reception class as an integral part of their work. As the reception class is part of the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum, we relate the physical development of the children to the objectives set out in the Early Learning Goals, which underpin the curriculum planning for children aged three to five years of age. We encourage the children to develop confidence and control of the way they move, and the way they handle tools and equipment. We give all children the opportunity to undertake activities that offer appropriate physical challenge, both indoors and outdoors, using a wide range of resources to support specific skills.

## **Contribution of PE to teaching in other curriculum areas**

### **Personal, social and health education (PSHE) and citizenship**

PE contributes to the teaching of personal, social and health education and citizenship. Children learn about the benefits of exercise and healthy eating, and how to make informed choices about these things.

### **Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development**

The teaching of PE offers opportunities to support the social development of our children through the way we expect them to work with each other in lessons. Groupings allow children to work together and give them the chance to discuss their ideas and performance. Their work in general enables them to develop a respect for other children's levels of ability, and encourages them to co-operate across a range of activities and experiences. Children learn to respect and work with each other, and develop a better understanding of themselves and of each other.

### **Science**

Through the teaching of PE, pupils are able to learn about the effects of exercise on the body and develop an understanding of momentum and how it helps to build force and enable rolls. Pupils will learn the names of muscles in body tension exercises and explore weight transfer for jumping and throwing for distance. Pupils will also learn about the positive impacts of exercise on personal wellbeing and physical health.

## **Teaching PE to children with special educational needs**

At our school we teach PE to all children, whatever their ability. PE forms part of the school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education to all children. Through our PE teaching we provide learning opportunities that enable all pupils to make progress. We do this by setting suitable learning challenges and responding to each child's different needs. Assessment against the National Curriculum allows us to consider each child's attainment and progress against expected levels.

When progress falls significantly outside the expected range, the child may have special educational needs. Our assessment process looks at a range of factors – classroom organisation, teaching materials, teaching style, differentiation – so that we can take some additional or different action to enable the child to learn more effectively. This ensures that our teaching is matched to the child's needs.

Intervention through School Action and School Action Plus will lead to the creation of an Individual Provision Map (IPM) for children with special educational needs. The IPM may include, as appropriate, specific targets relating to PE. We enable pupils to have access to the full range of activities involved in learning PE. Where children are to participate in activities outside our school, for example, a sports event at another school, we carry out a risk assessment prior to the activity, to ensure that the activity is safe and appropriate for all pupils including any with additional needs.

## **Assessment and recording**

Teachers assess children's work in PE at the end of a unit of work to see progress. At the end of a unit of work, teachers make a judgement against the National Curriculum levels of attainment. These judgements also enable the teacher to make an annual assessment of progress for each child, as part of the child's annual report to parents. The teacher passes this information on to the next teacher at the end of each year. Sports coaches assess and record children's progress to share with class teachers regularly throughout the year.

## **Resources**

There are a wide range of resources to support the teaching of PE across the school. We keep most of our small equipment in the PE store, and this is accessible to children only under adult supervision. The hall contains a range of large apparatus, and we expect the children to help set up and put away this equipment as part of their work. By so doing, the children learn to handle equipment safely. The children use the school field for games and athletics activities and the local swimming pool for swimming lessons.

## **Health and safety**

The general teaching requirement for health and safety applies in this subject. We encourage the children to consider their own safety and the safety of others at all times. We expect them to wear the agreed clothing for each activity area including footwear with the exception of gymnastics and dance where bare-feet are required. The governing body expects the teachers to set a good example by wearing appropriate clothing when teaching PE. The policy of the governing body is that no jewellery is to be worn for any physical activity.

## **Monitoring and review**

The monitoring of the standards of children's work and of the quality of teaching in PE is the responsibility of the PE subject leader. The work of the subject leader also involves supporting colleagues in the teaching of PE, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead and direction for the subject in the school. The PE subject leader gives the headteacher an annual summary report in which s/he evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in the subject and indicates areas for further improvement. The PE subject leader has specially-allocated, regular management time in order to review evidence of the children's work and undertake lesson observations of PE teaching across the school. It is the role of the PE subject leader to complete the 'Evidencing the Impact of the Primary PE and Sport Premium' document annually to be published on the school website. The PE subject leader will also report on school swimming attainment annually and record this online. A named member of the school's governing body is briefed to oversee the teaching of PE. This governor meets with the subject leader to review progress termly and receives a written commentary which reports on: -recent development work, performance analysis, pupil outcomes in relation to development priorities, their impact on teaching and learning, and future developments.

Governors are also invited to monitor the effectiveness of the school through a variety of other activities including learning walks and classroom observation as per the Monitoring and Evaluation framework in the School Improvement Plan.

## **Extra-curricular activities**

The school provides an extensive range of PE-related activities for children at the end of the school day. These encourage children to further develop their skills in a range of the activity areas. The school sends details of the current club activities to parents at the beginning of each term. The school also plays regular fixtures against other local schools. This introduces a competitive element to team games and allows the children to put into

practice the skills that they have developed in their lessons. These opportunities foster a sense of team spirit and co-operation amongst our children.

### **Curriculum Impact**

PE is taught as a basis for lifelong learning, where the children have access to a wide range of activities in the belief that when they are taught well, and the children are allowed to succeed, then they will continue to have a physically active life. A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all children to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. At Haydn, we provide opportunities for children to become physically confident in a way which supports their health, fitness and wellbeing. Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.