Mereside
Church of England Primary Academy
Learn to Love, Love to Learn

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Mereside C.E. Primary Academy

We take inspiration from the words of Jesus: (John 13:34) "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. "

SPORTS PREMIUM 2025/2026

Mereside CE Primary Academy Sports Premium Funding

What is the Sports Premium?

The Government is providing funding of £150 million to provide new, substantial primary school sport funding. Starting from September 2013, and lasting for at least two academic years, ring-fenced funding – only to be spent on sport – will go directly to schools who will decide what is best for their children's sport needs. This funding is being jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport. The sport funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools. We also want to encourage long term participation in sports, regardless of socioeconomic factors to ensure that our quality provision inspires and motivates health and fitness for all.

The premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, in the 2025/26 academic year, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

Mereside C.E Primary Academy

Mereside C.E Primary Academy provides a wide variety of physical activities for pupils, both during the school day and on an extracurricular basis.

We believe that PE should give all children the opportunity to learn and develop the transferable skills needed to participate in sport and physical activity. Experience in PE, sport and physical activities should enthuse, inspire and allow enjoyment resulting in a noticeable increase in self-confidence for each child. Through successful implementation, children should be allowed to develop independent learning, risk taking, problem solving and team building.

Mereside C.E Primary Academy will receive £19,110.00 for the academic year 2025-2026, and we intend to spend it on:

Activity/ Action	Description	Overview	Total Cost	Measurable Impact
Sport Premium received		The sport funding can only be spent on sport and PE provision in schools.	**£19,110.00**	
School Games package	SLA package for the 2025-2026 academic year.	Platinum package: 1. Unlimited additional events across the year 2. Access to centralised staff CPD opportunity 3. Centralised leadership academy = ½ day delivery x3 – More in-depth training of young leaders in key leadership skills, organising and running events/activities – 1 per term 4. 1 intra school competition of your schools choosing in the calendar year (delivered on school site includes ½ day delivery training of young leaders and then organising and running an event) 5. 5% discount on transport on all events	**£2300**	• An increase in participation and opportunities for all children. • Promotes success of achievements and efforts.

SSCFA Football competitions	District football competitions	U9s, U10s and U11s Football Competitions for Boys and Girls.	**£160**	• An increase in participation and opportunities for all children. • Promotes success of achievements and efforts.
Mini bus	Rental costs for the mini bus	This academic year we plan on returning to cross school competitions during school and after. Also more competitions and events with our sports partnership.	**£800**	• An increase in the number of pupils attending events and competitions. • Pupil voice before and after with a view on competing and confidence. • Support and involve all children including less active to promote healthier lifestyle choices (increased participation ie school games/ playground observations/ sporting activities outside of school)
Coaching and mentoring	Cost of a coach to attend tournaments outside of school	Children will have enhanced access to competitive sport or physical activity supporting pupil development	**£3,500**	• Employ a qualified sports specialist to lead and accompany pupils to tournaments • Provides coaching support and enables a wider participation for pupils to experience competitive sport
Swimming lessons x 2 blocks	Cost of venue and to cover teacher/lifeguard	Children will be coached by a professional in identified curriculum area in swimming. Supporting children to achieve the expected standard of swimming 25m by the end of KS2 who require additional support	**£3,333**	• Increase of children who attain the national benchmark of 25m that may otherwise struggle. • Increased confidence and participation
Additional swimming lessons	Cost of venue and to cover teacher/lifeguard	Children in year 5 and 6 being given a second opportunity to swim to achieve 25m	**£3,333**	• Increase of children who attain the national benchmark of 25m that may otherwise struggle. • Increased confidence and participation

Field markings	Cost of grassing cutting and markings for football, rounders and athletics.	Maintenance of the field to allow for high quality lessons/clubs.	**£800**	• High level lessons/clubs delivered with markings.
After school clubs	After school clubs which are inclusive and target those who may not be able to afford to attend and extend the range or sports and physical activities offered	Children from all back grounds are able to take part in PE clubs and ensure they are able to develop skills.	**£**	• Pupil voice was eager to run clubs • Children leading more active and healthier lifestyles • Skills within PE being developed • Those who are more disadvantaged have the opportunity to engage in extra-curricular activities
PE equipment	Purchasing new equipment to allow children to engage in high quality lessons with appropriate resources that enhance the teaching of PE	Children are able to engage in a variety of lessons which are supported by equipment which is useable and in appropriate condition. .	**£200**	• Lesson observations and evidence being recorded • Children independently advancing their learning. • Enhanced teaching of PE • Quality lessons being planned and taught.
Active breaks.	To replace, repair and enhance outdoor play provision.	Encourages active breaks and play during break and lunchtimes	**£100**	• Pupil engagement / enjoyment. • More opportunities for active engagement during break and lunch times
SportsSafe	To ensure sport equipment is safe for use.	Allows for safe and high quality PE lessons	**£**	•

Mereside CE Primary Academy to spend Sports Premium to enable pupils to access a wide range of sporting and adventurous outdoor opportunities. It is also used to promote health and fitness for the pupils and this has been the focus of the fund over the past few years, as the overview shows.
The creation of the Sports Premium fund facility has meant that the spend is weighted heavily on the development of school resources and teaching of Physical Education. This is an investment in the school as a centre to provide regular sporting opportunities for the school and the local community in order to maintain the sustainability of quality sports provision over time. The use of student voice has been fundamental in this decision as the current cage has limitations for the provision.

Additional information

- All swimming coaches are monitored by the PE lead and any feedback from staff through monitoring
- External CPD providers are also monitored by the PE lead and members of SLT
- Sports provision is provided alongside playgroup leader support with our children at lunchtimes and after school support. Additional activities will be offered. This will be an additional hour of cardiovascular activity in addition to other provision offered and will contribute to the school's 'School Game Mark.'