

SPORTS PREMIUM STATEMENT 2024-2025

As a school we pride ourselves in not only delivering two hours of high-quality PE and sport weekly but also to provide a wide range of opportunities for children to enjoy PE and sport throughout school from Reception to Year 6, including lunchtime and after-school activities. We enjoy providing our children with different opportunities to encounter new sporting challenges and to develop their talents in order to compete competitively when required.

The Government over the past few years has set aside significant funds to enable primary schools to further develop PE and sport provision. For the academic year 2024/2025 Stanley Primary School will be allocated the sum of £16,000 + £10 per pupil.

The vast majority of our sports premium funding is being utilised to continue to employ the services of Blackpool Football Club Community Trust (BFCCT). Over the academic year, specialist sports coaches work alongside our teaching staff to deliver high-quality PE lessons. This provides the children with new experiences and importantly provides professional development for our teaching staff. This provides our staff with the skills and knowledge to deliver new or familiar units of PE to a high standard, ensuring sustainability in PE delivery in the future.

Children who have gained the national standard in swimming also receive additional high-quality PE supported through the BFCCT, experiencing sporting activities which may have not been on offer without this funding.

BFCCT also work with our children in both the infant and junior department over lunchtimes to encourage our children to join in a range of sporting activities which also promote team work.

The school will continue to enter a wide range of sporting competitions and a proportion of our sports premium funding will be utilised to ensure children can participate in as many events as possible. Funds will be utilised to provide staff cover and transport to events.

School swimming

At Stanley Primary School we appreciate the <u>importance of swimming</u> and therefore offer our children who have not attained the national curriculum standard swimming lessons from Year Five. School swimming this academic year will start in Year 4 from September 2024 as we feel our children will benefit further from school swimming by starting lessons with school from a younger age, with provision moving to year 3 from February 2025. Their progress is carefully monitored and children work towards gaining the expected target of swimming 25m competently by the end of year 6. Once the children have reached the expected standard and completed their water safety lessons, they no longer participate in school swimming – they participate in a high-quality PE lesson delivered by specialist coaches in school (see above). We also offer children top-up lessons in swimming during the academic year (Year 5) with the aim of achieving the standard before leaving primary school.