



Morton C. of E. (Controlled) Primary School Policy on Physical Education (PE)

1 Aims and objectives

1.1 PE 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. PE promotes an understanding in children of their bodies in action. It involves thinking, selecting and applying skills, and it promotes positive attitudes towards a healthy and active lifestyle. Thus, we enable the children to make informed choices about physical activity throughout their lives.

1.2 Our objectives in the teaching of PE are:

- to enable children to develop and explore physical skills with increasing control and coordination;
- to encourage children to work and play with others in a range of group situations;
- to develop the way in which children perform skills, and apply rules and conventions, for different activities;
- to show children how to improve the quality and control of their performance;
- to teach children to recognise and describe how their bodies feel during exercise;
- for children to be physically active for sustained periods of time
- engage in competitive sports and activities
- 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
- To lead healthy and active lives.

2 Teaching and learning style

2.1 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 or 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.

2.2 In all classes, children have a wide range of 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;
- setting tasks of increasing difficulty, where not all children complete all tasks;
- grouping children by ability or mixed ability depending on the skills being taught or tasks set;
- providing a range of challenge through the provision of different resources.

3 PE curriculum planning

- 3.1 PE is a foundation subject in the National Curriculum. Our school uses Val Sabin's Gymnastics, Dance and Activate schemes as the basis for its curriculum planning in PE. We have adapted the national scheme to the local circumstances of the school. As required, we teach dance, games and gymnastics at Key Stage 1. The governors of the school have decided that we should also follow the non-statutory guidelines for Key Stage 1 in relation to swimming activities and water safety. In Key Stage 2, we teach compulsory dance, games and gymnastics, plus two other activities: swimming and water safety, and athletics. Games consists of Invasion Games and Striking Games. The governors of the school have decided that we will not teach adventure activities. Every two years pupils in Year 6 and 5 have the opportunity to take part in some outdoor activities, under qualified coaches, whilst on a residential week. Swimming and water safety continues into Key Stage 2, because our children do not complete the full requirements of this activity during Key Stage 1.
- 3.2 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 devises this plan in conjunction with teaching colleagues in each year group.
- 3.3 We use the national scheme of work as the basis for our medium-term plans. This gives 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.
- 3.4 Class teachers complete a daily plan for each PE lesson. This lists the specific learning objectives and expected outcomes, and gives details of how the lesson is to be taught. The class teacher keeps these individual plans which are monitored by the subject leader.
- 3.5 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 progression planned into the scheme of work, so that the children are increasingly challenged as they move up through the school.

4 The Foundation Stage

- 4.1 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, control of the way they move, and care in the handling of 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.

5 Contribution of PE to teaching in other curriculum areas

5.1 English

PE contributes to the teaching of English in our school by encouraging children to describe what they have done, and to discuss how they might improve their performance.

5.2 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.

5.3 Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

The teaching of PE offers opportunities to support the social development of our children through the way in which 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 cooperate 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.

5.4 Music and Art

Music chosen across the curriculum enhances the mood and provides a stimulus for movement. Dance is linked to other areas of the curriculum through music.

Art enables pupils to picture their movement, patterns and shapes they create or wish to use individually, in groups or during sequences.

6 PE and ICT

- 6.1 Information and communication technology enhances the teaching of PE, where appropriate, in all key stages. In dance and gymnastics, children make video recordings of their performance, and use them to develop their movements and actions. Music composed on the computer is sometimes used for creative dance. Older children compare each other's performances from recordings, and use these to improve the quality of their own work. An iPad can record experiences during outdoor activities.

7 PE and inclusion

- 7.1 We teach PE to all children, whatever their ability or individual needs. 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 good progress. We strive hard to meet the needs of those pupils with special educational needs, those with disabilities, those with special gifts and talents, and those learning English as an additional language, and we take all reasonable steps to achieve this.
- 7.2 When progress falls significantly outside the expected range, the child may have special educational needs. Our assessment process looks at a range of factors - equipment, teaching style, differentiation - so that we can take some additional or different action to enable the child to learn more effectively. Assessment against the National Curriculum allows us to consider each child's attainment and progress against expected levels. This helps to ensure that our teaching is matched to the child's needs.
- 7.3 Intervention through School Action and School Action Plus will lead to the creation of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) for children with special educational needs. The IEP may include, as appropriate, specific targets relating to PE.
- 7.4 We enable all pupils to have access to the full range of activities involved in learning PE. Where children are to participate in activities outside our school (a sports event at another school, for example), we carry out a risk assessment prior to the activity, to ensure that the activity is safe and appropriate for all pupils.

8 Assessment for learning

- 8.1 Teachers assess children's work in PE by making judgements as they observe them working during lessons. Older pupils are encouraged to evaluate their own work and to suggest ways in which to improve. Teachers record the progress made by children against the learning objectives for their lessons. At the end of a unit of work, teachers make a judgement against the National Curriculum levels of attainment. Teachers record this information and use it to plan the future work of each child. These records also enable the teacher to make an annual assessment of progress for each child, as part of the school's annual report to parents. The teacher passes this information on to the next teacher at the end of each year.
- 8.2 The PE governor is aware of the curriculum, standards and resources through an annual meeting with the PE subject leader and the Head Teacher's reports.

9 Resources

9.1 There is 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 the garage, 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 to 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.

Pupil's achievements and their involvement in PE are displayed on a designated notice board in the school hall.

10 Health and safety

10.1 It is the general teaching requirement for health and safety that applies to this subject. We encourage the children to consider their own safety and the safety of others at all times. We expect them to change for PE into the agreed clothing for each activity area. 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 potentially dangerous jewellery is to be worn for any physical activity.

11 Extra-curricular activities

11.1 We provide a range of PE activities outside the normal school day. These are dependent upon the interests identified by the pupils and the expertise and interests of the staff. Outside coaches are available for after-school activities.

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 cooperation amongst our children.

12 Monitoring and review

12.1 The coordination and planning of the PE curriculum are the responsibility of the subject leader, who also:

- supports colleagues in their teaching, by keeping informed about current developments in PE and provides a strategic lead and direction for this subject;
- gives the headteacher an annual summary report in which s/he evaluates the strengths and weaknesses in PE and indicates areas for further improvement;
- uses specially allocated regular management time to review evidence of the children's work, and to observe PE lessons across the school.

12.2 This policy will be reviewed at least every two years.