

## **Sport Premium Impact Report 2023-2024**

We have ensured that sport and P.E. provision has addressed the needs of all pupils, including those who belong to disadvantaged, vulnerable and gifted groups. All our sports provision has aimed to increase attainment, inclusive participation, improve confidence, develop competitive strategies and hone techniques / skills; whilst encouraging a life-long love of sport, together with an understanding of the health benefits participation in sports activities brings. As a school, we are passionate about sport. We are extremely proud that we have held the Sainsbury's Gold Award for more than three years and that we will continue to strive for Platinum.

All sports funding money has been used to develop the staff's teaching and learning skills and expertise - quality CPD. In addition to the allocated sports funding, the school devotes further capital expenditure (significant amounts), to ensure all children have had the opportunity to access and develop wide ranging sports skills - quality provision. Sports funding is never used to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) for teachers.

At Sycamore Academy there has been high participation in inter school competitions. This has resulted in many positive experiences for the pupils who have taken part with their successes celebrated by the whole school. In addition to this our competitive sport involvement has resulted in us holding the **Sainsbury's Gold Award for more than 3 years**, something that we are very proud of as a school. Our pupils are motivated by inter school competitions and they are driven to succeed.

### **Swimming Outcomes 2023-2024**

The school has ensured that all Year 2 children have been given the opportunity to swim once a week for two terms. This has provided them with a lot of water confidence and pupil feedback has been positive. We think this is a crucial part of their development and enables all pupils to become confident swimmers from a young age. Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 have also had the opportunity to attend swimming lessons.

### **Meeting national curriculum requirements for swimming and water safety.**

#### **Year 6 (2023-2024)**

The results of our Year 6 swimming assessment gave the following outcomes:

- 72% of our children are emergent or confident swimmers
- 64 % of our children are able to swim 5m or more
- 12 % of our children can swim 50m or more

- 26 % of our children can swim 5m
- 21% of our children can swim 10m
- 6% of our children can swim 25m
- 2% of our children can swim 50m
- 4% of our children can swim 200m
- 2% of our children can swim 400m
- 4% of our children can swim 800m

### **Swimming at Sycamore Academy in 2023-24**

At Sycamore we recognise the importance of being able to swim and be safe in the water and we continue to strive to support our children to achieve this.

- Year 2 pupils will attend swimming lessons over two terms
- To build upon the progress that the children have made in Year 2 all Year 3 pupils will go swimming in the Autumn term
- All Year 6 pupils will attend swimming lessons for half a term per class
- A focus upon our pupils being able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations
- Sport Premium funding will be used to allocate sets of spare swimming kit for each age group to ensure that all children can attend the sessions with the correct equipment.