

Sport Premium Impact Report 2020-2021

At Sycamore Academy 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 confidence, attainment, inclusive participation, competitive strategies and hone techniques / skills; whilst encouraging a life-long love of sport. In addition to this we aim to provide children 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 consecutive year. Sports funding is never used to cover planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) for teachers.

At Sycamore Academy we highly value pupil feedback as it will support us in our goal of encouraging a lifelong enjoyment of exercise for our pupils. A sample of children were interviewed by our PE subject leader about P.E provision and sport at Sycamore Academy.

The pupils interviewed said that they enjoyed PE at Sycamore Academy and that they had particularly enjoyed the range of sport that we offer as a school. All children that took part in the pupil interviews were able to understand the connection between exercise and eating healthily to maintain their health. Several Key Stage 2 pupils were pleased with the improvements to their competitive skills and team work. All pupils enjoyed the range of sports which they had experienced and were able to talk about their improvements. Key Stage 1 pupils felt they had improved at a range of things; throwing, catching, dodging, tennis, running, gymnastics, teamwork, listening and swimming. Key Stage 2 pupils highlighted the year group competitive events that they had taken part in.

The children could talk about the improvements that they had made over the year and the development points that they had. After the Spring Term Lockdown we felt it was important to aim to offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities in the summer term. The sport clubs that we have offered aimed to provide opportunities for a range of ages and all of our clubs have been fully subscribed. Pupils have accessed sports/athletics/basketball and Raising Aspirations clubs after school. All children were very positive about the clubs offered at Sycamore and were keen to see plenty of after school clubs for sport continue.

Teachers have reported that their knowledge and confidence in teaching P.E. has improved through using the techniques demonstrated by our sports team and specialist coaches during this academic year.

Swimming Outcomes 2020-2021

The school ensured that all Year 2 children were given the opportunity to swim once a week until COVID 19 restrictions required swimming pools to close. The sessions that the children were able to access 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.

Once swimming pools reopened in 2021 our year 3 and year 6 classes each attended swimming lessons for half a term.

Year 6 outcomes:

- All pupils demonstrated an increased level of water confidence with several non-swimmers achieving their 5m by the end of the sessions
- 18% of pupils were not able to swim 5m but saw an improvement in their swimming
- 16% of pupils were able to swim 5m
- 33% of pupils were able to swim 10m
- 12% of pupils were able to swim 25m
- 14% of pupils were able to swim 50 m
- 7% of pupils were able to swim between 100m and 200m
- Pupils were able to talk about the importance of survival skills
- Our Year 6 pupils have an increased understanding of safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Swimming in 2021-22

At Sycamore we recognise the importance of being able to swim and for our pupils to be safe and confident in the water.

Next steps for Sycamore Academy:

- Year 2 pupils will attend swimming sessions throughout the academic year
- 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 5 pupils will attend swimming lessons for a half term
- All Year 6 pupils will attend swimming lessons for a half term
- A continued focus upon our pupils in year 6 being able to perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations