

PE and Sport Premium Funding Report 2025-2026

The Shrubberies School



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PE and Sport Premium Allocation 2025-2026

The Shrubberies School received £16,560 in PE and Sport Premium funding for the academic year 2025-2026. All funding was spent within the academic year, with no unspent allocation remaining.

School Context

The Shrubberies School is a specialist provision for pupils with Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) and Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD). Our curriculum is ambitious, personalised and places significant emphasis on physical development, communication, independence, health and wellbeing. Physical activity forms a key part of our curriculum, supporting not only physical development but also communication, sensory regulation, emotional wellbeing, independence and preparation for adulthood.

Our approach ensures that all our pupils, regardless of need, can access meaningful physical activity opportunities that are tailored to their individual abilities and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes.

How We Spent Our Funding

Area of Expenditure	Amount
External Coaching and Specialist Provision	£8,808.90
Equipment and Resources	£2,955.29
CPD and Staff Training	£1,908.50
Swimming Staff Training	£698.00
Swimming and Aquatic Opportunities	£1,518.90
Memberships and Subscriptions	£895.50
External Sports Competitions	£726.00
Total	£17,511.09

Impact of Spending

1. Improving Staff Knowledge, Skills and Confidence

Funding: £2,606.50

Our school invested in professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of physical education and physical activity provision across the school. This included specialist PE training and swimming-specific training to ensure staff were equipped to meet the highly individualised needs of pupils with SLD and PMLD.

Impact

- Increased staff confidence in delivering adaptive PE activities.

- Greater understanding of inclusive physical education practices.
- Improved use of physical activities to support communication, sensory regulation and engagement.
- Improved staff knowledge of safe swimming and water-based activities for pupils with complex needs.
- Development of sustainable expertise that will continue to benefit pupils in future years.

2. Access to Specialist Coaching

Funding: £8,808.90

Specialist coaches and external providers worked alongside staff to deliver high-quality physical activity sessions tailored to the needs of our pupils.

Impact

- Pupils accessed a broader range of physical activities than could be provided through school staffing alone.
- Increased opportunities for pupils to develop physical competence, coordination and confidence.
- Enhanced engagement and participation among pupils who may find traditional sports difficult to access.
- Staff benefited from observing specialist practice, increasing school capacity for future delivery.

3. Equipment and Resources

Funding: £2,955.29

Funding was used to purchase and maintain equipment to support inclusive physical activity and PE across all pathways of the curriculum.

Impact

- Improved access to appropriate adaptive and sensory-based equipment.
- Greater opportunities for active participation for pupils with physical, sensory and communication needs.
- Better quality learning experiences through the availability of suitable resources.
- Increased independence and engagement during PE lessons and physical development activities.

4. Participation in Competitive Sport

Funding: £726.00

The school accessed opportunities for our pupils to participate in external sporting events and competitions suitable for children and young people with SEND.

Impact

- Pupils represented our school in a wider community setting.
- Increased confidence, self-esteem and resilience.
- Opportunities to experience achievement and success.
- Development of social interaction skills and community participation.

5. Swimming and Water Safety

Funding: £1,518.90

Swimming remains a priority at The Shrubberies School due to the significant barriers many of our pupils face in accessing aquatic activities.

Impact

- Pupils developed confidence and independence in water.
- Water-based activities supported physical development, sensory regulation and wellbeing.
- Swimming opportunities enabled pupils to access experiences that may not otherwise be available to them.
- Positive impact reported on swimming and water safety attainment.

Swimming Outcomes (Current Year 6 Cohort)

Measure	Percentage
Swim 25 metres competently, confidently and proficiently	0%
Use a range of strokes effectively	9%
Perform safe self-rescue in different water situations	9%

These outcomes should be considered within the context of our specialist cohort, where many pupils have complex physical, sensory and learning needs which significantly affect swimming attainment. Despite this, pupils made individual progress in confidence, participation, physical development and water safety awareness.

Targeted Support for Key Groups

PE and Sport Premium funding was specifically used to improve opportunities for:

- Pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).
- Pupils with long-term medical conditions.
- Disadvantaged pupils.
- Girls' participation and access to physical activity opportunities.

This targeted approach ensured that barriers to participation were reduced and all pupils were able to access a broad and inclusive programme of physical activity.

Sustainability and Next Steps

During 2026-2027 we will continue to:

- Invest in professional development for staff.
- Develop staff expertise in swimming and water safety.
- Maintain specialist coaching provision.
- Ensure high-quality adaptive PE resources are available.
- Increase opportunities for participation in inclusive competitions and festivals.
- Continue to promote healthy lifestyles, wellbeing and physical development across the curriculum.
- Further strengthen opportunities for all pupils to engage in meaningful physical activity regardless of their level of need.

By investing in staff skills, specialist provision and inclusive resources, The Shrubberies School is ensuring that improvements in PE, sport and physical activity are sustainable and continue to have a lasting impact on pupils' health, wellbeing, engagement and future independence.