

1. Department for Education really needs to get its act in order with this PE Premium with no appreciation of timeframe that schools have to work towards. Why did schools receive confirmation of this year's doubled funding as late as the last week of the summer term? Why was the updated criteria for the Premium published as late as the October half term break as opposed to the very start of the Autumn term? Please could they schedule updates allowing enough time for schools to make the necessary preparations.
2. The Strategy continues to be governed shambolically. For the fifth year, schools have only been confirmed of renewal of funding for the following academic year during the final week of the summer term leaving them with next to no time to plan for a September start.
3. Like other Subject Leaders, I am running out of ideas for how to spend the funding that has given me an additional nightmare as a result of being doubled this year. Why must it all go on sport and not towards healthy eating? This is what our school would like to focus upon as we have far too many overweight pupils who don't all like to exercise but who also eat badly, as encouraged by their obese parents.
4. Thank you for agreeing not to publish my identity as I would be sacked by SLT for coming forward. Who do I turn to by way of registering a complaint when I know that SLT is stitching up the spending. Ofsted requires staff to follow school protocol which in my case is to address concerns first and foremost to Management. No wonder Head Teachers are able to get away with so much these days.
5. I am beyond frustrated with PE and Sport as a parent. My son is not an academic, but sport has opened so many doors within his learning – it has increased his confidence and it is a subject that he has really excelled at. His PE subject leader admitted that she had no control over the timetable. He is in Year 6 and he has barely had a PE lesson this year. It's all about getting him to jump through hoops through teaching to the test and lots of homework therefore leaving him with very little time to even do any sport outside of school hours. Quite how the school is really spending this new money is beyond me as we haven't seen the school do anything new with it other than get in a coach for the younger children.
6. Well done, Active Matters! Somebody has finally had the bottle to shine a much-needed light on this utter fiasco. Both Government and Ofsted are guilty of having created loopholes that have enabled endemic abuse of funding by schools that has to be the worst known secret within primary education at the moment. All of those part Government funded sport bodies out there must have known for some time how this situation has been allowed to deteriorate or are they just too scared to let Government know for fear of losing their own funding?

7. Complete lack of joined-up thinking connected to this PE Premium. If DfE really believes in wanting to reach full potential from this initiative then how is that PE is still a foundation curricular subject that is barely looked at by Ofsted? How is that PSHE remains a non-statutory subject of the curriculum when it factors in coverage of Healthy Lives?
8. Is there anybody out there believing in all of these infographics and percentages that keep getting rolled out telling us how active children and young people are becoming? How come it's the case then that childhood obesity continues to reach greater heights?
9. Why can't primary schools receive the entire year's Premium funding at the start of the Autumn term? We have to submit an online report by early April for how we have spent it all when we don't even get the second instalment of the grant until the start of May.
10. I haven't been allowed to go anywhere near proper leadership of PE even as the subject co-ordinator. We have always blown the annual grant on getting all lessons delivered by an outside coaching company. Teaching staff have always been able to use these lessons for marking and assessment. The online report says differently though. I know of other schools doing the same given the conversations shared at borough competitions.
11. So ridiculously easy to fix! Just make up a report linked to DfE guidance; guess the costings making sure that all adds up to what you get per year as a school; throw in made up percentages by way of student involvement e.g. number of intra and inter competitions entered. Bluff about impact and sustainability with general comments e.g. 'improves their fitness and enthusiasm for sport' – these can cover a multitude of areas. Don't forget to make sure that the report goes online by deadline so that no bigwig from outside chooses to probe further. When the next academic year starts then remove the old report making sure that you have copied and pasted to use for the new report. How do I know this? I threw the towel in last July as a School Games Organiser to get out of education having had enough of the extremely dodgy, no, corrupt 'advice' that I was told to pass on to my schools. I am a parent though and I am really concerned how children out there have been so short-changed by this Strategy. DfE shows itself to still be utterly blinkered about it all.
12. Horrified to learn recently that our borough's former Partnership Development Manager who was struck off by the General Teaching Council for embezzlement is now working as a senior lead for our local County Sports Partnership as well as sitting on the National County Sports Partnership Network's Children and Young People Board. What this shows is how easy it is for criminal behaviour to be overlooked or even rewarded.

13. Have to sing the praises of Derby City School Sports Partnership. Fantastic mentoring support for PE subject leaders with an excellent bank of resources that have really helped me get to grips with improving the quality of teaching throughout my school.
14. All subject leaders within our family of academy schools have been told that they cannot attend any borough CPD this year. No chance for professional development then unless we pay for it ourselves and do it all in the holidays.
15. Our school had already decided in July where this year's funding should be spent. Head Teacher not remotely bothered about these accountability checks – HMI visited us in November for one day and didn't raise a single question or comment about The Premium despite the fact that there was no info online for last year. I'm not afraid to come forward and share this as I have asked many other PE subject leaders who have experienced the same as me.
16. Can anybody from DfE tell us why Reception year groups have been excluded from gaining access to this funding? Schools have to teach PE to this age group as well.
17. How there are so many teaching staff like myself who would love the general public to know what continues to go on within our Federation - all teaching staff have had to sign a confidentiality contract. We'd all lose our jobs for bringing both the schools and Federation into disrepute. HMI has clearly been hoodwinked and believe that we are all good or outstanding.
18. So furious that in the third year of this funding that my head teacher will still not pay for me to attend any of the borough's termly Subject Leader Forums. I am forced to find out information through former colleagues working in other boroughs. I have also emailed questions to local School Games Organisers who have never responded. What can I do to sort out this problem?
19. It has got past the stage of exasperation and has moved onto laughter now. Two Ofsted inspections in four years and not even a question raised about the PE grant. No Ofsted healthy rating either that was published to start last September therefore I'm not losing sleep over these accountability reviews that I bet will be nothing more than another empty threat.
20. Sports Premium represents another half-baked government strategy that obviously hasn't been properly monitored since it was first rolled out five years ago. I've now moved schools but for the past two years, my last employer deliberately used the grant to part fund a new ICT suite, with completely made up reports put online.

21. It is a national scandal how Government funding towards Schools PE and Sport continues to be so easily abused at the chalk face. My background for this claim is that I work as a Councillor and Governor.
22. I deliberately moved infant schools last year as I was so fed up being promised that my reception class would get funding for outdoor play equipment that was sorely needed. I want to do my job properly and without the essential resources I will always be struggling as a teacher.
23. I have been reliably informed by my son's PE teacher that their academy cluster group of primary schools have been told by their Executive Head teacher that she has placed herself in charge of how both the PE and Pupil Premiums are to be spent. I have asked what they spent the money on last year as well as this year. He told me that he didn't know and that he had asked previously but was provided with the response not to raise such an enquiry ever again. For all I know, these grants are being used to top up the Head's salary. Who is meant to be checking?
24. We have no swimming pools within our borough providing Top-Up coaching. What am I meant to do with those pupils who are still struggling to swim 25m following their block of lessons in Year 4? I also haven't been able to get an answer from my SSP by way of what is meant to be covered in 'safe self-rescue.'
25. Look at all of those big organisations out there: Youth Sport Trust; Sport England; Association for Physical Education; UK Active; County Sports Network must all know how rubbish the quality of inspection and scrutiny of Sports Premium has been since it started. Maybe they are just interested in protecting themselves.
26. If Ofsted can't inspect the Premium properly, which they evidently haven't been able to do, then Government needs to set up a different body to inspect this subject. Children's health and wellbeing has been so neglected over the years by HMI.
27. I'm scared about these accountability checks and whether I get called in to account for how our school has spent its funding as it has all gone on coaches and curricular swimming. SLT have said that so many other schools are doing it therefore why can't we?