

## Primary PE and Sport Premium Responses (2)

1. I'm a PE co-ordinator at a Primary School and, like others in my borough; I don't get to teach any PE at all. It is still the schools' subject of choice for PPA cover.
2. Spent most of the night before HMI visit writing out the spending report for PE and yet the inspectors didn't even raise a single question about the subject at all.
3. So hacked off with the Premium. I have slogged away at raising standards in the school and arduously keeping to the published criteria only to get same tokenistic two-sentence response in Ofsted report that neighbouring school got who spent their funding on curricular swimming and PPA cover. What a joke!
4. It's the 'same-old-same-old' given another Government strategy for PE and Sport where there have been more holes presented than in Chesterfield FC's defence. Definite repeated own goal scored by Government who've just allowed schools too much freedom and where it has been abused. Our academy chain has focussed on competition however there has never been any CPD for teaching staff with coaches in to do it all.
5. Until you produce league tables in pupils' physical fitness then Heads will focus their efforts upon literacy and numeracy to keep the wolf from the door that is Ofsted.
6. Mass staff exodus, including myself, from one particular school two years ago where the Head Teacher played all kinds of tricks that included the Premium funding. We all knew that he fabricated intra and inter competition data with SGOs (School Games Organisers) in order to be awarded Kitemark. There remains no transparency of anything online from that school. This must be happening elsewhere as well if my last school is anything to go by in terms of what they have got away with.
7. I work as an early years specialist and remain quietly disturbed by how many children start school already overweight, on poor diets and lacking key gross motor skills. I've asked if I could receive funding support e.g. training to learn how to teach certain fundamental movement skills, only to be told that there is no money available.
8. Love PE Hub's Schemes of Work. Easy to integrate into the curriculum with all teaching staff delivering and feeling much more confident now about leading the subject. Highly recommended.
9. I was previously a PSHE subject leader and now have to co-ordinate Physical Education. I still can't understand why I wasn't previously

allowed any say in the spending of the grant given curriculum focus upon Healthy Lives. I know other PSHE subject leaders who have experienced the same problem.

10. Too much mention from DfE along the lines of 'recommending' or 'could' or 'might' instead of MUST. It's taxpayers' money!
11. School Games Organisers keep laying on competitions and yet don't even bother giving us results. This is a missed opportunity to help schools plan friendly fixtures with others of a similar level of ability.
12. Climbing frame for Reception is falling to pieces. No funding to replace with junior classes getting all of the attention with this grant.
13. Spent most, if not all of it on Health Week. Yes, just the one week. Let's just say that it wasn't my decision and that a senior member of staff made it for me.
14. Have just moved from a school where Head Teacher was in full control of funding only to blow it all on booster groups whilst cooking up the annual report with stuff that never occurred.
15. Team Superschools visited our Primary last year and the pupils just loved the afternoon. The gymnastics demonstration was awe-inspiring and we have consequently used the visit as the basis to create close working links with an outstanding local gym club who have also come in to lead staff training. We're entering the regional Gymnastics inter school competition for the first time ever this year.
16. Ofsted has been useless within our borough. Subject leader meeting after subject leader meeting has produced same feedback from PE co-ordinators in that the Primary PE & Sports Premium has been barely, if at all, referred to.
17. Ten out of ten for Merton School Sport Partnership's schemes of work for PE. It has completely transformed our staff's confidence and ability to lead the subject. This would not have been possible without the funding.
18. Never received any training at University for teaching PE. I have just started at a new school where we don't have a PE subject leader - apparently other schools are in a similar situation. Scared to ask Head Teacher for help and we're due an Ofsted.
19. Our school has been effectively forced to buy into REAL PE scheme of work through annual membership package created by our local School Games Organisers. Whilst it is quite good, it has also proven to be massively expensive to implement across all KS1 and 2 classes. There are schemes of work out there that offer a great deal of content

at a fraction of the price. Schools should be given a range of recommended schemes to choose from.

20. Absolutely bonkers that Government hasn't turned Public Health England's physical activity guidelines for children and young people into statutory practice via the National Curriculum.
21. PESS Premium funding should start from Reception age. That's when children start learning PE at Primary School and not from Year 1.
22. I used to work at a primary school within a well-known Federation whereupon during one HMI inspection, a particularly teacher who struggled to teach PE to the required standard, was farmed out to another school within our group. HMI obviously didn't notice given the 'Outstanding' verdict that was awarded to the school concerned.
23. Our Head's attitude last year was to spend the grant on coaches from the local football club who, as a result of this funding, had suddenly developed the ability to deliver a wide range of sports. Like other staff, we weren't convinced based upon the quality of what we observed with no lesson plans forwarded.
24. Are there other primary schools whose Head Teachers continue to refuse setting up 'The Daily Mile' as start of the day exercise to get children ready for morning work? Our Head Teacher thinks that the teaching staff has too much on their plates already without having something else to organise.
25. We blew our funding last year on new junior playground markings.
26. My school has been awarded a number of health-related accreditations during the past three years and not one of them was mentioned within last year's HMI report. Both PSHE and PE subject leaders felt utterly demoralised by their lack of response to these achievements that they worked so hard to accomplish for the school.
27. I'm a concerned Parent Governor who has asked to see evidence of how the Premium has been spent and I have been continually fobbed off with excuse after excuse from the Head Teacher. Words to the effect that I shouldn't concern myself about 'such a trivial subject' and that it was 'not in the public interest' to know anyway. I can't raise the matter with the local education authority as my school is an academy. Whom do I turn to for advice?

