

PE Policy for Knypersley First School 2025-2026



The PE Policy 2022-2023 in respect of Knypersley First School has been discussed and adopted by the Children First Learning Partnership Directors Board

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Agreed and ratified by the Directors Board

To be reviewed:

Dec 2026 or earlier if required

INTENT

At our school, we provide rich and varied learning opportunities that allow all children to build knowledge and develop their skills and abilities to their full potential. Underpinning this are our eight core values of:-



Children First Learning Partnership

PE Policy 2025

The overall intent of our school curriculum is to:

Recognise uniqueness: in our pupils, staff, resources and whole school community.

Be Inclusive: recognising learning styles, learning needs at all levels and providing solutions to any barriers to learning we encounter.

Engage and Inspire: Through knowledge rich, highly enriched, progressive and purposeful contexts.

Promote Aspiration: offering challenge, accountability and responsibility for their learning.

Create citizens of the Future: who thrive on responsibility, see difference as a strength of our community and use democracy to embed their own values and beliefs.

Our Physical Education curriculum strives to drive all of these intentions and links very closely to the achievement and development of them all.

Intent

To broaden opportunities for children to enjoy a range of experiences and promote a healthy lifestyle. This will enable them to achieve personal successes, develop the appropriate skills and confidence to participate in all physical activities.

Implementation-

A Unit of Work (Pathway)

Across the Children First Learning Partnership, a unit pathway enables all staff to have a clear understanding of how individual, sequenced components enables all children to have a clear composite understanding of each unit. Each unit will consist of:

- National Curriculum programmes of study
- PEDPASS scheme is followed
- GetSet4PE scheme is used to support planning and subject knowledge.
- Prior learning – find out what the children do or don't already know/ gaps in learning from the year previously and current year to ensure appropriate components are positioned to make subsequent learning possible.
- Key skills are taught and built up upon (component)
- Key skills become fluent through compositional devices and tactics being introduced (component)
- Fluent components are applied into sequences, games and competitive settings where children can be self and peer evaluative to allow them to become autonomous
- Individual, sequential component lessons (football) build throughout the unit and are applied regularly to the building composite final piece / game/ sequence

A Lesson

Within each and every lesson, there are various sequential components which enables all children to progress no matter their ability. Below shows the sequenced order of a typical Physical Education lesson across the Children First Learning Partnership.

- Warm up (revisit and retrieve knowledge and vocabulary from previous taught components to improve automaticity and make connection to scene)
- Share specific LO (new component), mantra and context to the lesson and how it links to previous components
- Introduce new vocabulary and use in context
- Model and teach new component, linking new vocabulary and use scaffolding learning when needed
- Practise and repeat new component to ensure fluency.
- Apply and master component by combining it with previously taught components in a slowly built up composite
- Evaluate and reflect on the new component linking back to the LO.

Lessons are planned from the correct year groups Programmes of Study from The National Curriculum. Teachers will be aware of the pre units that need to be secure from previous year groups to ensure new content can be understood. The Programmes of Study are then broken down into smaller steps to ensure lessons are driven by sharp learning objectives that are progressively linked.

Individual lessons are carefully designed using the most effective teaching materials so that pupils are given the best opportunities to show their understanding.

Physical Education Language

Across the Children First Learning Partnership, we understand that Physical Education language is crucial to children's Physical Educational thinking. We introduce new words from the curriculum in a suitable context, with relevant real objects and equipment, explaining their meanings carefully.

In most lessons children work in pairs and groups; discussing, explaining, disagreeing and evaluating each other performances , which is integral to building understanding. Children work together so that through their dialogue they can develop a much stronger understanding.

All adults model the correct use of Physical Educational language and insist pupils do the same. Sentence stems are used to support children to speak about their work in full sentences using the correct terminology. Children understand and remember skills far better when an answer is given within a sporting context.

Pitch, Pace and Challenge

Across the Children First Learning Partnership, the expectation is that the majority of children will move through the units of work at broadly the same pace. However, decisions about when to progress will always be based on the security of children's understanding and their readiness to progress to the next

stage. Children who grasp concepts rapidly will be challenged through the use of the STEP model, which extends skills through the change of space, time, equipment and participants. Those who are not sufficiently secure with earlier skills will consolidate their understanding, including additional practice, before moving on.

Curriculum Entitlement and Equity

All pupils have full entitlement to the Physical Education curriculum, including swimming. No pupil is denied access to PE for behavioural or pastoral reasons unless safety would be compromised. Adaptations are made to ensure pupils with SEND, medical needs or temporary injuries can participate meaningfully and safely. Leaders monitor participation and engagement to ensure equity across groups, including disadvantaged pupils, SEND pupils and those with protected characteristics.

Physical Educational Knowledge

Embedded and secure skills and understanding is vital for success in Physical Education. It is likely that children who have problems retrieving gymnastic, dance and games skills and knowledge will have difficulty understanding, using, building upon, applying and evaluating Physical Educational skills they encounter later on in their lessons. Across the Children First Learning Partnership, we ensure that children are given ample opportunities to develop and build on these skills through well planned sequential lessons that build on the previous year's knowledge. At the beginning of all lessons, children will demonstrate (retrieve) previous skills and knowledge to ensure that all children are ready to move on.

Impact-

What we aim to achieve from our Physical Education curriculum across the Children's First Learning Partnership

- 'Mastery' is something we want all children to achieve and involves utilising a range of strategies to help children develop a deep and secure knowledge and understanding of Physical Education.
- All staff model positive attitudes towards Physical Education and a belief that all pupils can succeed.
- All children will be able to:
 - show a positive attitude and develop a love of physical activity, that takes place in clubs and outside of school.
 - take part in regular physical activity for at least 60 minutes per day (inside and outside of school).
 - show an understanding of how to lead a healthy and happy lifestyle through a correct diet and physical activity
 - use the correct language within PE and to improve the performance of myself and others.
 - swim at least 25 metres before the end of Year 6 and to be able to be safe around water.
 - take part in a range of activities as individuals, groups and teams, applying skills, communicating well and choosing tactics effectively.

Assessment

Assessment within Physical Education is based upon many sources of evidence. This will allow for judgements to be evidenced based and secure regarding what pupils know and remember in relation to our planned curriculum outcomes in all year groups. Teachers will use a variety of assessment methods which they will select carefully based upon the quality of evidence it will provide within Physical

Education and will avoid additional workload for pupils and children.

Assessment is used diagnostically to identify gaps in component knowledge and to inform subsequent teaching. Leaders use assessment information to evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum and to ensure that all pupils, including those who are disadvantaged or have SEND, are making progress through the curriculum's intended sequence.

Formative assessment takes many forms in Physical Education

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Teachers and subject leaders value the voice of the pupils. They will observe pupils carefully, question purposefully and listen and use pupil responses in all lessons and the day to day life of the school to adapt teaching in the moment, lesson to lesson and unit to unit to ensure learning is secure and built upon in a sequential and progressive manner. In many lessons and where appropriate, purposefully planned explicit retrieval opportunities will also be used to ensure pupils have secured component knowledge and are ready to move on and make links to previous learning.

Evidence Me

A wealth of other evidence such as practical learning, behaviours, performances and group work will also be captured on evidence me to support teacher assessment judgements. At Knypersley First School we value talk, practical exploration and pupil responses as a method of ensuring all pupils can access our Physical Education curriculum and demonstrate the gains they are making simply and effectively.

Teacher Assessment Judgements

Children will be judged as meeting curriculum expectations in Physical Education on a termly basis using evidence from activities listed above. This judgement will be working at, below or at a greater depth within the year group/key stage unit they have completed. This will be captured on our Arbor system and used to inform curriculum design and developments, resourcing, training and leadership monitoring activities. Teacher assessment judgements in Physical Education will be shared with parents on an annual basis via their annual report.

Role of Leaders

- It is the responsibility of the subject leader to:
- Provide guidance and ensure training opportunities are arranged to enable staff to increase confidence, expertise and quality of delivery.
- Judge standards in PE
- Monitor the quality of teaching and learning in PE
- Lead sustainable improvements in the subject
- Oversee the effective spend of the Primary Sports Funding and evaluate the impact of this
- Ensure all staff have up access to up to date relevant planning documents and information.
- Oversee that resources/equipment are maintained, repaired or replaced.
- Provide clear updates to the Local Advisory Board, Headteacher and SLT.

Staffing

All teaching staff are expected to teach and oversee physical education for their class following the National Curriculum through the school's planning units. PE is taught by a member of the teaching staff.

All staff delivering PE, including swimming, must have appropriate training and confidence to teach safely and effectively. Leaders ensure that staff receive regular professional development in safe practice, curriculum delivery, and inclusion. Staff teaching swimming receive additional guidance on poolside safety, supervision expectations and emergency procedures.

Wider PE Activity and Sports Offer

In line with the government Obesity Strategy we value the input that physical Children's First Learning Partnership supports pupils to meet the health recommendations of being physically active for at least an hour a day (3 hours for under 5 years olds) A broad range of out of hours activities is offered after school. They may be delivered by teachers, coaches or parents who have the necessary qualifications. Registers must be taken for all out of hours activity sessions.

Lunchtime supervisors and pupils have been trained to lead and supervise physical activity sessions at lunchtime and pupils are actively encouraged to take part and consulted about what things they would like to see offered to them.

To further account for the 3rd NC aim- Engage in competitive sports and activities- We believe that all children should have opportunities to engage in competitive sports and activities. Children will be given the opportunity to take part in a range of competitive events with other schools in the cluster throughout their time within the school, particularly in KS2.

Swimming forms part of our compulsory Physical Education curriculum and contributes one hour per week to our statutory PE entitlement. All pupils are required to participate in swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum programme of study for PE. Swimming is therefore not an optional activity, and pupils may only be excused on medical grounds supported by appropriate evidence. As a school, we have consistently used weekly swimming to fulfil part of our core PE offer, and this expectation has remained unchanged for many years.

We aim to promote active participation of all pupils within the school day by using resources such as Jump Start Johnny, go noodle and BBC Supermovers.

Safe Practice

All staff follow the safe teaching principles outlined in the afPE Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (2020) publication. This includes ensuring that lessons are appropriately risk assessed, equipment is checked before use, and activities are matched to pupils' needs and abilities. Staff are responsible for ensuring that learning environments are safe, that pupils understand safe routines, and that any hazards are addressed immediately. Swimming lessons follow the recognised national guidance for school swimming, including supervision ratios, poolside expectations and emergency procedures.

Risk Assessment

It is the responsibility of all adults leading activities to ensure that they are satisfied that risk assessment

procedures have been undertaken and that appropriate measures have been put in place where necessary. Please note that gymnastics equipment must be checked by teachers before any pupil is allowed to use it. Risk assessments can be found in the staff area risk assessments folder.

Clothing

We expect pupils to arrive for physical education in the agreed clothing for each activity.

The school advises parents on what we believe (and the LEA advise) to be appropriate clothing for physical education. All pupils must wear shorts/ jogger/ leggings, PE T-shirts and jumpers for PE lessons depending on the weather. Should a child not have appropriate kit, they will be expected to take an active role in the lesson, evaluating, assessing and supporting their peers. Teachers wear appropriate clothing and footwear also.

Footwear

Pupils must wear footwear which is appropriate to the activity when outdoors. This will usually be pumps or trainers. For Dance and Gymnastics which takes place indoors, children are expected to work in bare feet as this allows them to obtain more grip and feeling for their actions. Pupils who have a verruca should also work in bare feet as they can only be passed onto other people through damp environments.

Jewellery

Jewellery (including stud earrings) must not be worn during any PE or swimming lesson and must be removed before the lesson begins. This requirement is in line with national health and safety guidance (afPE Safe Practice 2020), which states that all personal effects should be removed to minimise the risk of injury to the wearer and others. Coverings such as tape or silicone patches are not considered a safe alternative. Parents are advised that any new piercings should be carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow sufficient healing time for jewellery to be removed safely. This expectation is also shared within our school uniform policy.

Hair

Where pupils have long hair (longer than their jaw) this should be tied back so that it does not get caught or restrict vision.

Goggles

Goggles may be worn during school swimming lessons once a child is able to confidently swim a range of strokes unaided. This approach ensures that pupils have developed sufficient confidence and water safety skills before using equipment that may require additional adjustment or supervision.

The use of goggles must comply with national health and safety guidance. The afPE Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity (2020) advises that goggles can present risks if they are not fitted correctly, if pupils adjust them independently in the water, or if they cause distraction during teaching. For this reason, goggles must:

- be provided by parents and be of a recognised, safe design
- be adjusted by an adult before the lesson begins
- not be shared between pupils
- be removed immediately if they cause discomfort, distraction or safety concerns
- Pupils must be able to enter, exit and move safely in the water without relying on goggles. Staff reserve the right to ask a child to remove goggles if they interfere with teaching, safety instructions or poolside routines.

Goggles are not permitted during water safety or self-rescue activities, in line with national guidance.

Version Control

Version	Review Date	Changes Made
V1	18.10.2022	Policy written within new format.
V2	17.06.23	Assessment section has been adapted in line with the new school assessment policy.
V3	12.12.2025	Updated to be reflected of HS updates and training.

