

Portway Junior School

‘Learning Together, Achieving Forever’

PE/Sport Premium Statement

The government continues to provide additional funding to schools for the academic year 2021 to 2022. Funding for schools is calculated by reference to the number of primary-aged pupils. For the 2020-2021 academic year, Portway Junior School received £19,798

Schools must spend the additional funding on improving their provision of PE and sport, but they have the freedom to choose how they do this.

At Portway Junior School, we feel we are starting from a position of strength when it comes to our provision for Sport and Physical Education as it is an area we have worked hard on during the past few years. We have members of staff (teachers) who have sports degrees and PE and Sport is a priority for all stakeholders in the school.

We were delighted that Sport and PE at the school was recognised by Ofsted as a strength of the school. In our most recent (short) inspection it was noted that pupils particularly enjoy trying to beat their personal best in the daily golden mile. In the 2015 Ofsted Report, it was stated that;

‘The school spends its sport premium funding effectively. The school has successfully engaged pupils in a wide variety of sports and competitive events with other schools.’

Our provision for extra-curricular clubs is usually strong but has been disrupted by the covid pandemic. In the future we hope to reinstate this and offer our usual wide range of sporting activities. We also work with some external providers to boost this provision including specialist coaching for football, swimming and tennis.

Our residential programme has been disrupted due to the covid pandemic but will be reinstated for the 2021-2022 academic year. This offers every child the chance to go away twice out of their four years at the school. The year 4 pupils have the opportunity to go to Hooke Court each November/December in Dorset and the trip is themed around ‘Romans’. The year 6 pupils go to Calshot Activity Centre in January and do a variety of activities mostly linked to outdoor and adventurous activities. The pupils who do not attend also take part in outdoor and adventurous activities, provided locally. No child is ever excluded from the residential trips due to financial reasons; parents are told to make contact with the school and we discuss how we can help.

The work with our local cluster to recreate some of the previous work of the School Sport Network was disrupted this year because of the pandemic. This usually provides a number of cluster sporting events/competitions for our school and is something that will be organised again in the new academic year. This will reinstate the school’s sports pupil leadership programme.

The school’s sports leader has participated in virtual training for the FA Playmaker Award and how sport positively impacts on mental wellbeing, especially following lockdowns.

The school subscribed to the Youth Sports Trust and gained access to resources that to improve pupils’ health and wellbeing, character and leadership and to promote inclusion and empathy. The school’s subscription to 5-A-Day also continues and provides opportunities for physical breaks throughout the school day, in addition to PE lessons and activities at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Other PE/Sport Activities & Links

The usual competitive sports and links with other sporting facilities have been impacted by the restrictions on us due to the pandemic. However, within school we have continued to ensure the following activities:

- Playtimes – We have worked hard to improve the playground and offer opportunities for pupils to be active during these times. The equipment we have added - adventure trail, fitness trail, basketball hoops, outdoor gym and table tennis. This is in addition to other equipment including skipping ropes, etc. The aim is to make breaktimes and lunchtimes as active as possible. Each class now has their own box of equipment to use at playtime and lunch time.
- Golden Mile – children continued with their ‘personal’ best challenge and enjoyed their daily run.
- Hampshire School Games Daily Challenge – pupils participated in this, covering a wide variety of sporting and athletic skills on a daily basis. This gave pupils the opportunity to achieve a personal best.
- Hampshire School Games – to replace the school competitions that would otherwise have happened, HSG provided virtual competitions in a wide range of sports. Pupils participated enthusiastically and won the Y3 athletics competition.
- Forest School sessions were implemented during the school year and pupils gained a wealth of experience in the school’s own forest area led by a qualified member of staff. This ensured pupils were helped to become healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners.
- Sports Day – this took place within the restrictions placed on the school and pupils had opportunities to participate in a variety of competitive races.
- The school’s subscription and commitment to providing regular Stormbreak sessions throughout the week meant that pupils had opportunities to participate in mindful, wellbeing activities that also developed physical skills. Trained school staff led staff INSET to develop adults’ skills throughout the school.