

St Joseph's RC Primary School

Impact of sports grant funding at St Joseph's.

The introduction of lessons delivered by a coach from Manchester City has been positive. The sessions are well resourced and the children are active and focused throughout the sessions. The after school club provided by the same coach is well attended and the quality of the sessions encourages participation and attendance at the club.

Staff have benefitted from observing and participating in quality PE lessons on a weekly basis.

PE equipment has been updated and replenished with new mats for gymnastics being of particular benefit. This has resulted in safer and more efficient gymnastics and dance lessons. Staff now have access to quality equipment to deliver better PE sessions.

The sports coaches at lunch time encourage participation from the children in a range of sports. The coaches set up and manage the activities and encourage those not participating to get involved in physical activity. Children are able to develop skills outside of PE sessions.

The ballet classes in EYFS are well run and encourage excellent participation. It is positive for the school as a whole that the youngest children are introduced to an activity not offered by the teaching of PE in school. Hopefully this will have a great impact on participation as the children move throughout the school

The purchase of a scheme of work from thepehub.co.uk has had a positive impact on the teaching of PE at St Josephs. Teachers are able to access easy to follow lesson plans and activities with a lesson objective available for the start of each session. As the scheme progresses, the children's skills and abilities should develop and staff can easily make note of progression in skills.

Year 6 attend sessions at Salford Quays every Friday. This is a fantastic experience that has a great impact on the children, encouraging great participation in a range of physical activities. This enthusiasm and participation has had a positive impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of the children in Year 6, building confidence, team work and motor skills.

Skateboarding club has allowed children to participate in a sport not easily accessed outside of school. Children are able to attempt and improve skills they might not have had the opportunity to in previous years. As the skatepark is in the local community it is an experience that children can take on into their extra curricular activities with family and friends.

The installation of a 3g surface on the school grounds will have an incredible impact on physical education at St Joseph's. It will lead to a better quality of outdoor PE lessons, the quality of lunchtime activities and after school clubs. It will result in less injuries sustained by falling onto concrete and this alone should encourage more children to take part in sporting activities at St Josephs.