



Sports Funding

Following on from the London 2012 Olympics, the government committed to providing additional funding to Primary Schools across the UK. The funding, which has been jointly provided by the Departments for Education, Health and Culture, Media and Sport, is to be used for improving the provision of sporting activities and Physical Education (PE) lessons. It is 'ring-fenced', which means it can only be used for this purpose and not spent on anything else.

Sports fund allocation for 2024-25: £17,680

CPD	
External coaches supporting confidence and competence	£4330

Internal activities	
School based extra-curricular opportunities	£4695.28
Equipment and resources	£2044.36
Use of educational platforms and resources	£1966.25

External activities	
Activities organised by School Games organiser network	£1850

Total school spending on CPD	£4330
Total school spending on internal activities	£8705.89
Total school spending on external activities	£1850
Total spent of PE and sports premium	£14885.89

The Sports Grant allocation for 2024/2025 impacted on the school in the following ways:

Membership of the Macclesfield School Sports Partnership (MSSP) has enabled children to become actively involved in a wide range of sporting events across the local area. Through these opportunities, pupils have not only developed a greater depth of learning in relevant sporting skills but also enhanced their teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship. As part of the partnership, children attended a wide range of joint sporting competitions and inclusive sporting festivals too, collaborating as a team with pupils from other schools, and working together in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect. In addition, visits to various sites of sporting excellence within the local community inspired pupils, broadened their understanding of sport, and encouraged aspirations for continued participation and achievement. We have prioritised being an 'active school'. As a school, we have therefore worked hard to achieve and maintain the **Gold School Games Mark**.

PE equipment was updated, and new resources were bought. This included playground equipment, PE storage and curriculum specific resources, such as golf equipment.

Specialist coaches expertly delivered a range of topics such as, cricket, athletics, gymnastics, rugby, hockey, netball, yoga and football, as part of both the curriculum offer and through a



range of enrichment opportunities in clubs too. This provided invaluable CPD for members of staff and invaluable acquisition of skills for the children.

We have provided lunchtime sporting activities for all children.

How will the improvements be sustainable for the future?

We continue to work with a variety of professional sports coaches who provide ongoing CPD for teaching staff in sports such as rugby and cricket. Teachers are actively working alongside sports specialists, developing planning and delivering team-taught lessons. As a result, staff are increasingly well-equipped and confident in delivering high-quality PE sessions. The Get Set 4 PE platform is used effectively to assess, plan, and adapt lessons, ensuring that our PE curriculum is both inclusive and ambitious for all pupils. This enables teachers to modify activities to meet the diverse needs of learners, ensuring that every child can participate and make progress. Consequently, children consistently engage in high-quality, skills-focused PE lessons that promote enjoyment, challenge, and progression for all. Sporting equipment is regularly updated to ensure all children have access to a broad range of sports and physical activities.

We have placed a strong focus on increasing girls' participation in football, offering girls-only before-school sessions. This has led to a noticeable and ongoing increase in the number of girls taking part in football. We are extremely proud of the girls' football team, who continue to show great teamwork and resilience in matches and tournaments. We have championed this initiative so effectively that our success was even recognised and broadcast on regional news, celebrating the school's commitment to promoting equality and inspiring more girls to engage in sport.

Swimming

Swimming and water safety is an extremely important part of the PE curriculum at Lindow Community Primary School and another way of helping children to lead healthy and active lives. Our school hosts a swimming pool provided by 'Elite Swimming UK' annually for 2 weeks, which ensures that nearly every pupil leaving Lindow Community Primary School can reach the National requirement by the end of Year 6.

Pupils are grouped according to their ability and are taught to:

- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Results for pupils in Year 6 the end of 2024/25:

96% could swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres

96% could use a range of strokes effectively (for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke)

96% perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

Sporting Opportunities

Sport at Lindow, is a key part of the curriculum. We are excited that the children have the opportunity to join many extra-curricular activities after school or at lunch in addition to



their regular PE lessons. Our PE includes dance, gymnastics and games whereby the children can experience varied activities. We enjoy the regular sporting opportunities offered in the area, competing against schools in Wilmslow and the wider local area.

Our commitment to providing a broad and enriching PE curriculum ensures that all pupils experience a wide range of physical activities and opportunities beyond traditional lessons. Programmes such as Bikeability play a key role in this for our Year 4 and Year 6 classes, giving children the chance to develop vital cycling skills, confidence, and road safety awareness in real-world settings. These experiences promote independence, resilience, and a lifelong love of physical activity balanced within a confident understanding of how to do this safely.

Our Sports Ambassadors play a key leadership role in school life — speaking in assemblies, leading warm-ups for whole-school sporting events, and writing match reports for the school newsletter. They act as positive role models, encouraging participation, promoting teamwork, and inspiring others to lead active, healthy lifestyles.

House competitions form an important part of our school's sporting culture, fostering teamwork, belonging, and healthy competition. Pupils represent their houses — Tatton, Dunham, Styal, and Lyme — in a range of sporting activities throughout the year. Highlights include the Holmes Cup cross-country race, where the whole school community comes together to celebrate participation and perseverance, and Sports Day, which has been carefully redesigned to move away from traditional races. Instead, pupils now take part in inclusive activities that showcase their development in agility, balance, and coordination, ensuring that every child can participate, achieve success, and take pride in their personal progress.

2025-2026

Sports fund allocation for 2025-26:

Possible uses of the funding include:

- Hiring specialist PE teachers or qualified sports coaches to work alongside Primary teachers when delivering the PE part of the curriculum including rugby, hockey, football, netball and cricket coaches.
- Paying for professional development opportunities for teachers in sport and PE.
- Invest in PE planning and assessment tool to support and provide additional CPD.
- Providing class cover to release teachers for professional development opportunities in sport and PE.
- Attending sports competitions and events.
- Buying equipment to enhance sport and PE provision.
- To update playground equipment to encourage more children to become independently involved in sport during break times.
- To provide sporting opportunities at break and lunch times for all children.

Sporting competitions continue to be planned to take place this year where the children will take part in competitive events against other primary school children in the area. As well as this, there will continue to be a focus on festival events where children learn new skills and are exposed to new sports which might inspire them to become more active.



We believe that, at Lindow, we provide opportunities for all pupils to find an activity that they can enjoy, build team working abilities and develop their skills at all levels.