

Errington Primary School

Physical Education and School Sport Mission Statement

2017-2018

Preamble:

Errington Primary School is committed to delivering the highest possible standards of education. Considering this determination, we have issued the following statement regarding the teaching and assessment of physical education within our school.

We believe that *all* children have the right to the best possible education. We further believe that a meticulous P.E. curriculum is one of the pillars of a high-quality education.

Sport at Errington is based around several fundamental principles: Activeness, Sportsmanship, Competitiveness, Challenge, Diversity, Collaboration, Teamwork, Leadership and Participation

Physical Education at Errington:

Our P.E. curriculum is a skill based programme that is fully compliant with the guidance set out in the National Curriculum of England and Wales. We believe that mastery of the fundamental skills is at the heart of Primary School physical education and have therefore developed a curriculum that places key physical skills at the heart of teaching and learning from EYFS to UKS2. Therefore, we have determined that our children should be physically active for at least two hours every week and physical activity should, alongside mastery of skills, be at the heart of P.E. sessions.

To successfully master the key skills, children should be introduced to new sports as they grow older, this allows them the opportunity to apply the fundamental skills in a range of challenging situations.

We believe that it is important that, as children are introduced to new sports, teachers maintain an appraisal focus on key skills rather than sports. When children are preparing for cluster events [for example Basketball] teachers should still maintain an assessment focus on core skills [for example Throwing and Catching].

This move in focus from teaching sports to teaching skills will allow children to enjoy more success in more sports as they grow older and progress through their educational careers. In EYFS and KS1 children should be taught (and assessed on) skills alone, applying these skills in competitive situations. As children progress into LKS2 and UKS2



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School Sport at Errington:

Our School Sport programme aims to give children the opportunity to engage in different areas of activity in competitive and non-competitive situations. School Sport should support the core skills learnt in Physical Education and give children *more* opportunities to apply these skills in specific areas of activity.

Our School Sport programme is founded on collaboration with other Schools and the local Sports Partnership. Children across the whole primary age range represent Errington at local cluster events and competitions and this is made possible by contributions from staff at after school clubs and at the local events themselves. We offer a range of extra-curricular sports activities for children to participate in both during the school day and after school. This contribution shows how committed our staff are to helping children engage in a range of sports.

Postamble:

Sport and Physical Education holds a dear place in the heart of all children at Errington and we are fortunate enough to have highly skilled staff, ample grounds and excellent facilities that allow us to meet the needs and desires of our children.

This statement will be reviewed in September 2018.

Signed



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