



## 9. The Plymouth School Sports Partnership

### PSSP Summary

The Plymouth School Sports Partnership (PSSP) aims to embed the opportunities it provides into the fabric of every school in the Plymouth travel to learn area and ensure they are being used to drive educational outcomes and enhance the life chances of children and young people aged 5-18 years old.

The PSSP has shown the benefits of collaborative working and contributed to the raising of standards in schools by taking on work traditionally undertaken by teachers, providing opportunities which enhance and enrich learning, up-skilling the school workforce and ensuring schools are kept up to date with regional and national developments. Our Steering Group provides strategic direction and ensures that the Partnership continues to give good value for money through regular monitoring and evaluation of the impact of our work.

### Background Information

The Plymouth School Sports Partnership was established in 2011 by blending together the best elements from the City's two School Sports Co-ordinator Partnerships to create a citywide organisation to meet the needs of children and young people aged 5-18 years old in the Plymouth travel to learn area who attend Partnership subscribing schools. In 2016, the Plymouth School Sports Partnership became a Community Interest Company, Limited by Guarantee with a Board of Directors and a Steering Group.

The Plymouth School Sports Partnership is currently funded by an allocation from Plymouth Schools Forum, subscriptions from member schools, payments for School Games Organiser and Bikeability work on behalf of Sir John Hunt Community Sports College and Plymstock School (the Partnership Hub Sites) and additional project funding. In order to access the Core Offer schools must subscribe to the Partnership, this is £3,500 for schools with Primary-age children and £4000 for Secondary schools – this cost has remained the same since September 2015.

There is a basic entitlement to all schools which includes the structure in place for events such as the Schools Challenge, the 5K, School Games Events and Bikeability which all schools have access to and would either not exist or would not run with the quality of facilities/equipment and staffing that schools currently benefit from. The subscription to the Partnership provides access to additional activities, resources, training and equipment.

### Impact of PSSP September 2017 – August 2018

- 66 schools with Primary age children and 17 Secondary schools subscribe to the additional opportunities that the Partnership offer
- \*Competitions held for Primary age children - 63 events with 11 Level 2 School Games Events in 18 different sports, providing opportunities for over 14,000 children to take part in competitive sport and festivals
- 31 Inclusion Events delivered in 8 sports providing opportunities for over 2000 young people with SEND
- Secondary Competitions programme run: 53 competitions in 9 sports, involving 405 teams



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- Youth Sports Trust Young Ambassador Leadership Programme trained 195 Bronze, 34 Silver, 20 Gold and 10 Platinum Leaders to support PE and School Sport. 200 Leadership Academy Students resulting in 600 Sports Leaders working in schools
- Supported 232 Young Leaders to take National Governing Body qualifications
- 706 Leaders deployed to deliver PSSP and School Games Competitions between schools, a further 90 at Devon County Level 3 and 8 Leaders attended the National School Games
- Supported schools with School Games Mark; 4 Platinum, 30 Gold, 15 Silver, 10 Bronze
- Programme of regular CPD delivered by PE Specialist Teachers in Primary schools to support all staff to deliver high-quality PE lessons
- PSSP Primary PE Conference attended by 102 Primary PE Co-ordinators with 48 schools represented. Additional training delivered with YST, 4 workshops on Primary PE and Sport Premium and FA Active Literacy course and Childhood Obesity Plan Local Engagement events with 50 schools attending.
- Delivered PE Specific Training as part of PLP Training, providing 120 places on 6 different PE related courses for Secondary school staff. Supported Heads of PE Meetings and facilitated Examination Workshops
- 30 schools received training for Meal Time Assistants and Play Leaders
- \*Delivered Bikeability Training (Financial Year 2017-2018) - 399 Level 1, 2231 Level 1/2, 275 Level 3, 1310 Bikeability Balance and 151 Learn to Ride – Total 4366
- Produced regular reporting documents with evidence of how Primary PE and Sport Premium is having an impact on PSSP Schools in line with OFSTED expectations
- Delivered Devon School Games Ability Games and the Devon Summer School Games
- Worked with external partners on projects including Plymouth Sports Board, Mayflower Sports, Physical Activity Strategy and School Swimming Programme
- \*Delivered the DELT Shared Services School Challenge Event attended by 2720 pupils and supported by 470 staff

*\* denotes opportunity open to all schools in the city*

## Summary

The money the PSSP receives from Schools Forum is essential to maintain this level of service for schools. Without this, the subscriptions for PSSP schools with primary-age children would need to increase by approximately £2000 per school, which all schools would benefit from whether they subscribe or not. The proportion of schools that subscribe make the PSSP a sustainable model which would be vulnerable if there was a reduction in numbers due to the increased cost. Alternatively, there would be a significant drop in provision with the number and quality of opportunities diminishing across the whole programme with a significant impact to the PE, School Sport and Physical Activity levels for the young people in Plymouth schools.

