The aim at Farley Hill is to create a lifelong habit of physical activity and being active both in and outside lessons.

Background

Farley Hill Primary School is a rural one form entry school with just under 200 pupils on roll from differing backgrounds. The school is not serviced by a local School Sport Partnership (SSP) but has the opportunity to access competitions and receive some CPD through the School Games Organiser (SGO) for Wokingham. At the start of the PSSP Farley Hill was investing just over 70% of its yearly budget into a local coaching company but it wasn’t meeting the school’s needs. In order to correct this, the school made contact with the company who sent an alternative coach who was far more experienced. This resulted in higher quality PE delivered to the pupils and professional development for staff by observing good practice. However after a period of time, the school heard that the coach was about to leave. This action resulted in the staff team meeting and coming to a decision on how they were going to allocate their PSSP. The decision was made to stop the contract with the coaching company and investigate long term sustainable alternatives of allocating the PSSP at Farley Hill. In order to help with the process the school made contact with James Crags Children and Young People Education Manager at Get Berkshire Active (see actions).

"Without Sports Funding our PE expertise would not have developed and the children would not have had as many opportunities to participate in events with other schools. The equipment we have been able to provide for the children would also not have been enriched." Emma Clarke Headteacher Farley Hill Primary School

PE everywhere at Farley Hill

This point was highlighted earlier in this term during a comprehension test a Year 3 pupil answered:

How do you think Mairi felt at the end of the story? “She would be as happy as Mo Farah if he beat Usain Bolt.”

Partners working together to support, embed and sustain activity at Farley Hill

In addition to always being on hand to support Farley Hill, Get Berkshire Active is working with Create Development to give the school an opportunity to apply for subsided Family FUNS resources. This will help to embed the programme as more pupils and parents will get the chance to take part in the programme.

PE and Physical Activity everywhere at Farley Hill

Farley Hill Primary School – Working with Get Berkshire Active to get full use of the Primary PE and Sport Premium

Actions

James was able to provide the school with tools and guidance to ensure that the PSSP funding was allocated in a long term sustainable way, meeting the needs of pupils.

As a result of the meeting, the school reviewed its existing provision using the Youth Sport Trust Self – review tool (development areas were identified). They also took the opportunity to consult with key groups (to ensure that the revised provision met their needs).

The school then set about meeting their priorities with support from Get Berkshire Active. The priorities included:

- Increasing the number of competitions pupils get the opportunity to take part in
- Increasing physical activity opportunities at Farley Hill
- Engaging hard to reach young people and families in health related projects
- Placing a greater emphasis on the importance and benefit of PE in daily school life
- Upskilling staff to ensure that the investment is long term and sustainable

Below are details showing progress against priorities at Farley Hill and evidence of impact:

Progress against priorities and resulting impact

- For the year 2014-2015 a total of 79% of Key Stage 2 children represented Farley Hill this figure is at 60% with less than two thirds of this year complete. Both of these are much higher than previous years. Farley Hill have been able to make contact with other local schools as a result of a networking event co – organised by Get Berkshire Active in the autumn of 2015.

- More pupils at Farley Hill are more physically active. Funding has been spent on sports equipment for the playground. This has resulted in improved techniques in lessons and clubs (pupils have the opportunity to practice) less incidents of poor behaviour at break and lunchtimes. Regular programmes and special initiatives are being used to engage pupils such as the recent Sport Relief. Sport and PE has a much higher profile now within school with certificates being given out in whole school assemblies rather than in class.

- More hard to reach families are engaged as a result of taking part in a Family FUNS health intervention heavily supported by GBA.

- Upskilling – Confidence skills of staff have increased after receiving a range of CPD. Plans have been put in place to implement Real PE from Sept 2016.