

Delivering appropriate and purposeful physical activity opportunities

Holly Grove Primary School, Burnley

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Holly Grove wanted to review their whole provision to see where they could make further improvements that would support children to be physically active and manage their emotional wellbeing.

**Community
Special School
100% SEND**

**School is located
in the top 10% of
most deprived
areas in UK**

43%

**Free
School
Meal
Eligibility**



What changed?

School Improvement Plan

"To ensure all pupils are accessing appropriate physical activity opportunities and a dynamic sport and PE curriculum."

Recruitment Policy: All new members of staff need to demonstrate their understanding of the importance of movement and how they keep active themselves.

Physical Activity Policy development: outlining the school's commitment to provide physical activity opportunities for all pupils across the school day. Staff are expected to model positive physical activity behaviour, being held accountable through performance reviews and appraisals.

Investment into Staff Development: Using funding to invest in an external consultant to support the upskilling of the PE lead in Motor Activity Training Programme (MATP).

Outdoor Environment: Enhancing the playground to make playtimes more fun and engaging whilst helping children to manage their emotions and play independently.

What led to the change?

Supportive Senior Leadership Team

Senior leaders valued movement for every child, and were committed to supporting the PE lead to drive change across the whole school.

In-school champion

Importance of an inspiring PE Lead / Physical Activity champion to influence and drive forward the programme.

Brave Leadership

Staff training

The PE lead delivered training to all teaching staff to identify where purposeful and appropriate movement can be incorporated into every lesson.

Outcomes

- ✓ School hosted MATP events for other special schools.
- ✓ Each child now has a personal physical activity plan.
- ✓ 22 teachers from mainstream schools attended training on supporting children with SEND to engage with purposeful and appropriate physical education and movement.
- ✓ Headteacher becoming an ambassador for Ready Set Move to share practice with mainstream schools and wider partners.
- ✓ Creating Active Schools score of **91%**.

"I think at Holly Grove the sports are good because we burn a lot of energy! It helps us fully concentrate on our lessons, and helps us achieve more."
School Sport Captain, Year 6



"Holly Grove is a school full of joy. Pupils arrive each day full of smiles and excitement for the day ahead."
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