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Guidance

PE and sport premium conditions of grant 2017 to 2018: academies and free schools

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1. Introduction

The primary PE and sport premium 2017 to 2018 (“the premium”) will be paid by the Secretary of State for Education (“Secretary of State”) to the academies and free schools as stated in section 14 of the Education Act 2002. In accordance with Section 16 of that Act, the Secretary of State lays down the following terms and conditions on which financial assistance is given in relation to the premium payable for the academic year 2017 to 2018.

The premium for the 2017 to 2018 academic year is paid in 2 instalments from the Secretary of State to academies and free schools as follows:

Financial year	2017 to 2018 academic year	Payment date
2017 to 2018	September 2017 to March 2018	1 November 2017
2017 to 2018	April to August 2018	1 May 2018

2. Purpose of the premium

The premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, in the 2017 to 2018 academic year, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. Information on how much PE and sport premium funding primary schools receive and advice on how to spend it (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools>) has been published.

3. Basis of allocation

Allocations for the academic year 2017 to 2018 are calculated using the number of pupils in years 1 to 6, as recorded in the January 2017 census, as follows:

- schools with 17 or more pupils receive £16,000 plus £10 per pupil
- schools with 16 or fewer pupils receive £1000 per pupil

In the case of a school which has opened or is due to open during the 2017 to 2018 academic year, the above formula will apply based on pupils recorded on the autumn 2017 school census.

4. Terms on which the programme is allocated to schools

The premium must be spent by schools on making additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport for the benefit of all pupils to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. The Secretary of State does not consider the following expenditure as falling within the scope of additional or sustainable improvement:

- employing coaches or specialist teachers to cover planning preparation and assessment (PPA) arrangements - these should come out of schools’ core staffing budgets

- teaching the minimum requirements of your existing PE curriculum

Academies and free schools must publish, on their website, information about their use of the premium by 4 April 2018.

Schools must publish:

- the amount of premium received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent)
- what impact the school has seen on pupils' PE and sport participation and attainment
- how the improvements will be sustainable in the future
- how many pupils within their year 6 cohort can do each of the following:
 - swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
 - use a range of strokes effectively
 - perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

If selected, schools must also take part in a sampling review to scrutinise their compliance with these conditions.

5. Variation

The basis for allocation of the premium may be varied by the Secretary of State from those set out above, if requested by the academy or free school or at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

6. Other conditions

If an academy or free school fails to comply with the conditions set out in the paragraphs above, including but not limited to a school misusing the premium, the Secretary of State may require the repayment of the whole or any part of the premium paid to the academy or free school or the withholding of subsequent instalments of the premium. This will be notified in writing to the school and any such sum that has been notified shall be recovered against general annual grant (GAG) funding by the ESFA on behalf of the Secretary of State or withheld from subsequent instalments of the premium. Any such recoveries will be undertaken in line with the academy trust's funding agreement.

7. Overpayments

Any overpayment of the premium shall be recovered against GAG funding by the ESFA on behalf of the Secretary of State.

8. Further information

The books and other documents and records relating to the recipient's accounts (for the purposes of this grant "recipient" is the academy or free school) shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of State and by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The Comptroller and Auditor General may, pursuant to Section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983, carry out examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the recipient has used its resources in discharging its grant-aided activities.

The academy or free school shall provide such further information as may be required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of determining whether, or to what extent, it has complied with the conditions set out in this document. Failure to provide this information may result in the Secretary of State requiring repayment of the whole or any part of the premium paid to the academy or free school, according to the method outlined in paragraph 6, or the withholding of subsequent instalments of the premium.