**School Sport Premium**

Hopefully everyone is now aware of the fabulous news about the Sport Premium and you are now deciding with how best to spend your £8,000 - £11,000. The funding is ring fenced and has to spent upon "improving the quality of sport and PE". Ofsted will focus on how effectively this premium is used towards this objective.

Full details of the Premium and how it can be spent can be found on the Department for Education website: www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/financialmanagement/b00222858/primary-school-sport-funding

As your School Games Organiser I would urge you where possible to look at ways of spending this that are sustainable and will provide a lasting benefit to sport and PE in your school.

The funding will be in place for the next two years and every indication suggests that it is set to stay beyond 2015.

**School Games**

Participation in School Games is specifically highlighted by the DfE as a worthy area for which to use the premium. As your School Games Organiser I will look to organise a similar programme as per previous years, running all the South East Lincolnshire Competitions plus the regional rounds in Spalding. Regional rounds and additional competitions will be run in the Bourne and Deeping areas by Clare Ladley. It seems likely that I will also run regional rounds for the Holbeach/Long Sutton area.

**School Games Funding**

The School Sport Partnership and Spalding High School have always had funding to subsidize transport to our competitions and to pay for medals, trophies, certificates, 1st Aid, venue hire, equipment, reprographics, web hosting, event insurance etc. This funding has now ceased.

In order to continue to provide high quality and safe competitions that will engage and enthuse the participants, there will need to be an entry fee to cover these costs. Based upon previous numbers and costs this would need to be £2 per pupil per event NOT including transport.

Agilitas will continue to offer transport by bus to events for all schools who require it but this will now be at cost. Hopefully this will offer a saving as I will be able to group schools so that a number of schools can share the cost. To give you an idea of costs some very short journeys cost £125 per coach but most bookings are £155.

Please consider putting some of your Sport Premium fund to one side to pay for pupils to attend our competitions and festivals.

**Change 4 Life Sports Clubs**

We have 6 Change 4 Life sports bags in the partnership. These are designed to enable you to set up and run healthy activity clubs for pupils who do not go to sports club and would benefit from exercise.

They have been very successful in the schools that have used them and you now have the funding to employ a teacher or TA to run a club before school, at lunch or afterschool.

You can either purchase your own kit for £415 or we will rotate the existing bags around schools. You would just need to purchase log books if required from YST @ £12/set.

I will be available to come and help explain the scheme and run through the equipment and how it is delivered at no cost to schools. It is an excellent scheme.

**Kitemark**

School Games and the Youth Sport Trust offer a Kitemark. The Kitemark rewards schools for their commitment to and delivery of school sport. There is a Bronze, Silver and Gold award. The kitemark would provide you with excellent evidence for Ofsted and I would be delighted to help and advise PE coordinators on how to achieve this as part of my SGO role.