



Introduction

Ethos

Blacklands has a strong competitive sporting history, particularly in indoor and outdoor athletics, cross country and both girls' and boys' football. One of the main aims for ARK Blacklands sports' funding was to ensure that there are no financial barriers to sport. We want every child to be able to access a rich and varied sporting experience. Programmes have been put in place to encourage active lunchtime and afterschool activities in addition to those already in place. Additionally there has been a focus on encouraging all children, in particular those who historically may have been less active and those who find accessing the academic curriculum challenging. As a seaside town, we place great importance on teaching our children to swim and develop a sense of water safety.

All providers of sport at ARK Blacklands are local businesses with strong links to the school: this gives the children the opportunity to extend their interest in sport locally at weekends, outside term time and beyond.

Context of our Academy

Ark Blacklands Primary Academy is a large community school situated in Hastings. There are 542 pupils on roll, which is well above the national average.

The school is organised into 19 classes with some classes containing mixed age groups.

Pupil Premium & Deprivation Indicators

Eligibility for Pupil Premium is 19.4% which is below the national average of 26.4%.

SEND

3.7% of our pupils are on the SEND register; below the national average 15.4%. The percentage of pupils with statements, 0.7% is below the national average of 2.8%.

How we are spending the money

Hastings and Rother Sports Partnership Membership

- Running of all area competitions: including boys and girl's football, cross-country, netball, hockey and indoor and outdoor athletics.
- Support for school sports leaders and training.
- One whole days developmental training for 2 KS1 and early years teaching staff (TAs to cover)
- Ongoing support for teacher development (9 sessions).
- Support with transport for the children to some competitions.
- Primary Link Teacher Training; whole day teacher release (course fee included in partnership fee)

Boom Active:

- 1 afternoon (including 1 hours active support at lunchtime).
- £88 per afternoon (including after-school club)

- Afterschool clubs are charged at just £2.50 per pupil to enable access for children from all backgrounds. Currently 48 children attend the Boom active sessions afterschool. The cost of the club is now wholly funded through this payment.
- Clubs are primarily focused on less active and pupil premium children, giving them a lifelong enjoyment of exercise and teamwork.
- Support for teachers with professional development for lower KS1 every Thursday afternoon is included within this session. Sessions to continue through the year.
- Thursday's after-school club focuses on 25 less active girls and boys from years 3 and 4.
- Years 1 and 2 attend the lunchtime clubs on a Thursday on a rotation basis (half hour per session) and years 5 and 6 attend the lunchtime clubs on a Thursday on a rotation basis as well. On average between 40 and 50 children attend these sessions during one hour.

6 – Love Sports Academy

- Two full afternoons of targeted PE support for teachers and children, including Wednesday and Friday lunchtime support. (£55 per afternoon)
- Two focused teaching sessions of Hockey, Rugby, Tennis and Football to year 4, 5 and year 6 classes every Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Cricket will also be developed from the spring term onwards.
- **Lunchtime gifted and talented competitive sports club.** This is targeted at 25 gifted boys and girls to encourage and extend their achievement in sport. This is currently focused on tag rugby and will also develop hockey and cricket later through the year. Key targets are to challenge these children's abilities and develop ARK Blacklands competitiveness within these areas.
- Multi-sports afterschool clubs for years 4, 5 and 6 on Wednesday and Friday. Priced at £2 per pupil to enable participation of children from all backgrounds. This club operates on a rotational basis whereby the children can experience a wide range of fun and competitive sports. These range from football, rugby, cricket, tennis, team building games and orienteering. A high proportion of the children attending this club sometimes find accessing the academic curriculum challenging.

Swimming Provision

- All children in year 3 have a weekly swimming lesson in the summer term at Summerfields Leisure Centre.
- We have enhanced pupils swimming experience by taking them to a specialist provision. This has involved additional costs: hire costs, costs of travel and paying for specialist swim teachers rather than just relying on class teachers to teach.
- Teachers accompany the pupils to ensure that they are also learning from specialists swimming teachers.

Equipment

It is anticipated that any requirements for PE equipment this year will be made through the Sainsbury's voucher scheme.

Afterschool clubs currently running that are not funded through school sports funding: Girls and boys football, Dance, Karate, Tennis, Brighton Football.

Impact

- Three additional afterschool and lunchtime clubs have been developed with excellent participation. This has led to an observed increased confidence in the children who take part, whilst improving their skills.
- Currently 48 children attend the Boom active sessions after school. These pupils were not attending afterschool clubs before. This has helped these children develop their social skills in working with other pupils who they would not usually have communication with. It has been particularly successful in encouraging girls' participation in sport.
- Clubs are primarily focused on less active and pupil premium children, giving them a lifelong enjoyment of exercise and teamwork. This has led to an improvement in the health and well-being of the pupils who have participated.
- Support for 9 teachers with professional development for KSI, lower KS2 and upper key stage 2 every Wednesday and Thursday and Friday afternoon. The teachers are now delivering high quality lesson as they have developed a greater understanding of how to teach and assess the progress of key skills.
- Teachers across all key stages have been able to access high quality professional development courses in PE, leading to improved planning and teaching of PE skills.
- Before intervention, a high proportion of the children attending the new lunchtime and afterschool clubs found accessing the academic curriculum challenging. Access to Boom Active and Love Sports Academy has led to a reduction in unwanted playground incidents, including bullying.
- Gifted children are targeted. 25 gifted boys and girls are regularly encouraged to extend their achievement in sport during lunchtime sessions. Key targets are to challenge these children's abilities and develop ARK Blacklands competitiveness within these areas. All sessions are superbly well attended. As a result the academy has achieved considerable sporting success this year including: winning the area Town Sports for the seventh year running; 4th in the County Athletic Finals and Quad Kids at the Sussex School Games; Girls' Football Area Champions and Sierra Leon Trophy winners; Boy's Football runners up and hockey bronze medallists.
- Wednesday's after-school club partly focuses on 25 less-active girls and boys from upper KS2. This has led to greater physical activity participation both in and out of school. It has increased their confidence and helped improved their health and lifestyle.
- Friday's after school club is targeted at children in years 3 and 4.
- On average between 40 and 50 children attend these high-energy sessions during one hour of lunchtime three times a week.
- Children in year 3 receive quality swimming tuition in a purpose built facility in order to develop swimming skills essential for pupils living in a seaside town.

Summary of Expenditure

Amount of funding 2016/17	£10180
Carried forward from 2015/16	£1500
Total	£11680
6 – Love	£3200
Boom Active	£3800
Hastings and Rother Sports Partnership Membership	£2000
Swimming for Year 3	£2500

Reviewing and Improving our Sports Offer

We will review the quality of the sports offer provided at Ark Blacklands Primary Academy on an annual basis.