

A Simple Guide to National Curriculum Progression in Physical Education

Early Learning Goals

Expected

Children show good control and coordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment effectively. Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. Children play cooperatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity.

Exceeding

Children can hop confidently and skip in time to music. Children know about and can make healthy choices in relation to healthy eating and exercise. Children play group games with rules.

Key Stage One

Pupils should continue to develop fundamental movement skills, become increasingly competent and confident and access a broad range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and co-ordination, individually and with others. They should be able to engage in competitive (both against self and against others) and co-operative physical activities, in a range of increasingly challenging situations.

Key Stage Two

Pupils should continue to apply and develop a broader range of skills, learning how to use them in different ways and to link them to make actions and sequences of movement. They should enjoy communicating, collaborating and competing with each other. They should develop an understanding of how to improve in different physical activities and sports and learn how to evaluate and recognise their own success.

Key Stage Three

Pupils should build on and embed the physical development and skills learnt in Key Stage 1 & 2, become more competent, confident and expert in their techniques, and apply them across different sports and physical activities. They should understand what makes a performance effective and how to apply these principles to their own and others' work. They should develop the confidence and interest to get involved in exercise, sports and activities out of school and in later life, and understand and apply the long-term health benefits of physical activity.

Key Stage Four

Pupils should tackle complex and demanding physical activities. They should get involved in a range of activities that develops personal fitness and promotes an active, healthy lifestyle.

