

PE & Sport Premium – Key Changes for Governors (June 2026)

What has changed? (Headline)

-  **Current PE & Sport Premium will end**
 -  Replaced by a **national partnerships model**
 -  Fully in place by **Spring 2027**
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How funding is changing

NOW (until 2026)

-  Funding paid **directly to schools**
-  Schools decide how to spend it

FROM 2027

-  No direct funding to schools
 -  Support accessed via **PE & School Sport Partnerships Network**
 -  Overall funding per school likely **lower**
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What the new system aims to do

-  Improve **consistency nationwide** (“end postcode lottery”)
 -  Focus on:
 - Inactive pupils
 - SEND & disadvantaged groups
 -  Increase:
 - Participation
 - Inclusion
 - Whole-school physical activity
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National investment package

-  £580m → Partnerships Network
 -  £200m → Facilities & equipment
 -  £100m → Transition funding
 -  Ongoing sport investment = **£1bn+ total** [youthsporttrust.org], [gov.uk]
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Transition timeline (critical for governors)

2025–26

-  Current funding continues as normal

Autumn 2026

-  **Last full-term funding to schools**

2026–27

-  Reduced / transitional funding only
-  Likely **one-term allocation** (local guidance still emerging)

Spring 2027

-  Full rollout of new system
 -  Direct funding ends
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Implications for our schools

- ▼ Less flexibility in how funding is used
 - 🔗 Greater reliance on **external partnerships**
 - 📊 Stronger focus on **impact (participation & inclusion)**
 - 📄 Costs previously funded by premium → **move into core budget**
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✓ Our approach (next 12–18 months)

1 Use current funding strategically

- Focus on **long-term impact (not short-term spend)**
 - Target:
 - Staff CPD
 - Sustainable provision
 - Equipment that reduces future costs
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2 Prepare financially

- Identify **non-negotiables** (e.g. equipment, maintenance)
 - Build essential PE provision into **core budget planning**
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3 Reduce dependency on external coaches

- Increase **staff capability** to deliver PE
 - Review reliance on externally funded provision
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4 Position for the new system

- Strengthen links with:
 - Local partnerships
 - Secondary schools
 - Community sports providers
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5 Align with future expectations

- Embed:
 - Daily physical activity
 - Active curriculum approaches
 - Inclusive participation (SEND / disadvantaged)
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Bottom line for governors

👉 We are moving from**“schools control funding” → “schools access provision”**

👉 Funding will be **less flexible and more uncertain at school level**

👉 Early planning is essential to protect provision and avoid budget risk – we are already somewhat covered for this.