

Case Study

Theme – Health & Workforce

Abbey Infant & Junior Schools, Sandwell

Both schools are larger than others of the same type. Approximately half the pupils are from a White British background. The remaining pupils come from a wide range different ethnic backgrounds. Pupils supported through the pupil premium is above average. A main road separates the two sites.

Some **actions** initiated by the school include:

- Intervention and support programmes introduced for YR – Y6, to improve gross and fine motor skills
- Subject Leader worked with an LSP [ex physiotherapist] to review and amend the EYFS /KS1 curriculum for physical development. They introduced new story based resources to aid teaching and learning
- The curriculum map / provision across the school was reviewed and amended to support the principles of physical growth and development
- Programme of in house professional learning for all staff was developed and implemented with a focus on getting it right at the start
- A “control group” was introduced and included to monitor the results against the impact made where changes had been introduced
- Through the Head Teacher, the programme was introduced within another school with different demographics to “test” the results and theory.

The **impact**:

- Children are 'closing the gap' in their development by improving their motor skills. Intervention programmes were no longer required for a great number of children, resulting in less disruption of lessons.
- The profile of physical education and its impact on learning was raised significantly across the two schools.
- Major improvements and more rapid progress in handwriting were observed and recorded
- Confidence and self-esteem were raised in the children and staff were enthused to deliver the new curriculum.



This work has impacted strongly on outcomes with examples of rapid progress for pupils. The CPD for staff to ensure their understanding of quality movement has resulted in physical development improving

Head Teacher



I really like PE. My favourite story is the one with the pirates because I like scrubbing the decks. The moves are tricky sometimes and I get really tired, but it is fun

Reception Pupil

