

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware Active Black Country have a specific remit delegated by the Department for Education, Department of Health and Department for Culture, Media and Sport to report on the impact of the Primary Physical Education & School Sport Premium. As part of this remit, we are required to monitor the information that schools place on their website. The Department for Education request that we review each website including instruction issued to schools around swimming data each year.

Usually the deadline for information to be uploaded is the 31st July each year, however given the circumstances during the previous academic year we understand schools may have been unable to publish this information at the time. We are therefore writing to request schools have this information in place on their website by **Monday 21st September 2020** if you have not already published your data.

As a reminder DFE state schools are required:

“To publish the percentage of pupils within your year 6 cohort in the 2019 to 2020 academic year who met the national curriculum requirement to:

- 1. Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres***
- 2. Use a range of strokes effectively***
- 3. Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations***

Attainment data for year 6 pupils should be provided from their most recent swimming lessons. This may be data from years 3, 4, 5 or 6, depending on the swimming programme at your school.”

“We recognise that schools’ ability to collect swimming and water safety attainment data may have been interrupted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Any data that schools do hold regarding swimming and water safety attainment should be entered into the online report with a note to clarify the proportion of the year group that this relates to and any other limitations of the data. Where no data is held, schools should state this in the online report.” DFE July 2020

As per previous years we strongly recommend Schools adopting and populating the national reporting template which can be downloaded [here](#)

As part of the confirmation of funding for the 2020/2021 academic year the DFE also released further guidance regarding leftover funding below:

“As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the Department for Education has taken steps to relax the ring-fencing arrangements for the PE and sport premium in the 2019 to 2020 academic year to allow any unspent grant to be carried forward into the next academic year (2020 to 2021). Where schools are carrying forward under-spends, their published online report should set out the amount being carried forward and give brief reasons for this under-spend.

Any under-spends carried forward will need to be spent in full by 31 March 2021 and schools should factor this into spending plans for their 2020 to 2021 PE and sport premium allocation. The [2019 to 2020 conditions of grant document](#) has been updated to reflect this exceptional amendment to the ring-fencing of the grant.”

ABC would like to take this opportunity to encourage all schools to ensure the information published is as accurate as possible. As well as being reported nationally ABC utilise* this insight and data locally with partners to drive further investment into the region and direct support to the areas needed the most.

Further support for schools can be found via AfPE who have produced a FAQ resource to support schools, this can be viewed [here](#). Further information, advice and guidance can also be found through either of the below websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pe-and-sport-premium-for-primary-schools#not-used>

<https://www.activeblackcountry.co.uk/i-am-a-school/primary-pe-and-sport-premium/>

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

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*To better understand how we use the data, visit our [insight hub](#) to see previous reports that have been developed: