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End of PE & Sports Premium for primary schools and new funding for sports in primary and secondary schools

You may have seen the [Department for Education \(DfE\) press release](#) published on Thursday 21 May 2026 about forthcoming changes to funding for PE and sport in schools. Through these changes, the government's goal is to improve both the support to schools for sports provision and school sports facilities, including making facilities more accessible to pupils with SEND. Their aim is to ensure that all children and young people get the recommended 60 minutes activity per day and get the opportunity to enjoy the benefit of sport, both in school and beyond.

Full details have not yet been released. Here is a summary of what has been released so far:

- We believe that primary schools will receive a proportion of PE and Sports Premium for Terms 1 and 2 in 2026/27 as part of the transition to the new approach, but then this funding will then end. We are assuming that income received will be 4/12th of the estimated annual funding for 2026/27, but we are waiting for more detailed information to be provided.
- The government is re-directing funding over the next three years away from school level control to include a new PE and School Sport Partnership Network. A national delivery partner will work alongside national governing bodies to provide a mixture of universal and targeted support to schools to directly tackle the activity divide between boys and girls and disadvantaged pupils. This funding will **now include secondary and primary schools**.
- The new system will provide:

Universal Offer: CPD & training, online resources, national guidance

Targeted Support (Needs-led): specialist coaching, swimming catch-up programmes, extra-curricular development

We obviously need to ensure that we fully understand the financial implications of these changes across our whole Trust, and at individual school level, when more information becomes available.

In the meantime, we ask that primary schools **do not make changes** to their budget plans for PE & Sports Premium in the Master Scenario before the Thursday 4 June 2026 budget deadline. This is so that we can track any future changes made. The deadline of the 3 July for your LGB to have scrutinised your budget also remains.

However, this announcement has prompted some additional actions for our primary schools which have been outlined below, including, unfortunately, needing to produce a new budget scenario incorporating the withdrawal of the PE & Sports Premium. The results of the actions below will enable us to better understand the financial implications and service delivery impact of the change in funding from direct revenue to 'provision in kind' at school level and therefore help the Trust support schools in the best way possible. There may be existing budget lines for coaching contracts, PE specialists and external providers that need urgent review.

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The Central Team will be contacting local elected representatives, colleagues in other Trust's and the CST to petition for the funding to be extended until the end of 2026-27. However, we need to plan as if this will not be the case, and we cannot assume that the new partnership network will offset the loss of the funding.

It is possible that, where some schools experience significant and unavoidable financial impacts from these changes, we may need to consider using the new [Support Fund](#). More details on this will follow if deemed necessary.

Actions List

Deadline/Date	Action	Action owner
Thursday 4 June	Budget deadline remains - please do not adjust the Master Scenario for changes to PE & Sports Premium.	SBMs/FBPs
NEW Friday 5 June	<p>Central Finance Team will copy the Master on 5 June as APPBUD2627.V1. This version of the budget will be frozen and copied immediately to APPBUD2627.V2.</p> <p>V2 will be left unfrozen for changes to reflect the end of the PE & Sports Premium. These changes must be made by Wednesday 17 June. See narrative under 17th June.</p> <p>Both primary and secondary schools can now make changes to the Master Scenario.</p>	Central Finance Team
NEW By Friday 5 June	<p>Consider existing expenditure against PE & Sports Premium:</p> <p>Please identify the main organisational issues and concerns for your school for the termination of the funding at the end of Term 2 2026-27. Please email Sue Warneford-Thomson by 5 June so that we can collate responses for discussion at the Headteachers' Meeting on Thursday 11 June.</p> <p>Additionally, please send contract documentation for 3rd party contracts for the next academic year with external providers which are funded directly from PE & Sports Premium. E.g. a sports coaching organisations or company. Sue will forward these to Trust Services for urgent review.</p>	<p>Primary Headteachers and SBMs/FBPs</p> <p>Primary SBMs/Office Managers</p>

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<p>NEW As soon as possible</p>	<p>Where schools have not yet signed contracts with external providers for 2026-27, please re-negotiate the contract to end of Term 2 only in the first instance. This will help mitigate any financial impact for 2026-27.</p>	<p>Headteachers/SBMs</p>
<p>NEW As soon as possible</p>	<p>Similarly, where schools have staff on fixed term contracts that are funded directly from the PE & Sports Premium, and where these contracts have not yet been extended, please extend them only until the end of Term 2 2026-27.</p> <p>Where contracts have been signed or have already been extended, no action should be taken.</p> <p>Please seek advice from the Central HR Team or Trust Services where appropriate.</p>	<p>Headteachers/SBMs</p>
<p>NEW Thursday 11 June</p>	<p>The main issues for schools following this announcement will be discussed at the Headteachers' Meeting.</p>	<p>Education Team/ CFOO/Headteachers</p>
<p>NEW By Wednesday 17 June</p>	<p>Make changes for PE & Sports Funding to copy of APPBUD2627.V2. Please do not make other changes to this version.</p> <p>Reduce 2026-27 PE & Sports Premium to 4/12th of estimated annual value. Remove income for 2027-28 and 2028-29.</p> <p>Remove/adjust expenditure directly linked to PE & Sports Premium. If Sports Coaches are used for the provision of active playtimes in lieu of lunchtime staff, lunchtime staff levels may need to be adjusted accordingly. It is important to identify what is essential vs discretionary and ensure that your budget continues to reflect statutory PE delivery, including swimming, safeguarding and Ofsted enrichment expectations.</p> <p>It is likely that replacement sports equipment has been funded from the PE & Sports Premium in the past - future replacement costs will need to be met from core budgets going forward.</p> <p>You may need to include the cost of 3rd party contracts and employee fixed term contracts until the end of 2026-27 where these have already been signed.</p> <p><i>Primary Schools should also make the same changes to the Master Scenario.</i></p>	<p>Primary SBMs/FBP in consultation with Headteachers</p>



NEW Thursday 18 June	APPBUD2627.V2 will be frozen.	Central Finance Team
NEW From 18 June	The Central Finance Team will review final budgets. It will be the APPBUD2627.V2 version that will be quality assured.	Central Finance Team
Friday 3 July	<p>Deadline for LGBs to have scrutinised final budget plans. It will be APPBUD2627.V2 that should be issued to your LGB for scrutiny for both primary and secondary schools, not the Master Scenario, so please ensure that financials reports are run from this version.</p> <p>If your LGB meets to consider before Thursday 18 June to consider your budget, primary schools may need to make additional arrangements for the final budget, including the changes arising from the ending of the PE & Sports Premium, to be scrutinised.</p> <p>This could be by email as long as a proper process is followed and recorded by the clerk.</p>	

We do recognise that this is more work that you will not have planned for. This change is both unexpected and very late and we are sorry for the additional workload it has created however, it is necessary given the recent DfE announcement.

Finance Business Partners will support schools that are in the Centralised Service to complete this work.

