

Strategies for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Physical Education lessons

Broad	Specific area	Here's how we will help
area of need	of need	·
Communication and Interaction page	Speech, Language & Communication Needs Autism Spectrum Disorder	 Ensure that the child knows what terms are being used within PE lessons as some may be unfamiliar Provide a picture of the PE activity prior to the lesson so that the child has a better understanding when being told verbally Demonstrate movements / skills so that the child can see what they look like Teacher / TA to discuss what the PE session will involve and what equipment will be used Where possible, the child will work in the same group / team for each session Provide opportunities to handle the equipment prior to lessons
	Tourette's Syndrome	 Provide opportunities to handle the equipment prior to lessons so that the child has experienced the feel & texture of the equipment
Cognition and Learning	Cognition and Learning Challenges	 Provide a picture of the PE activity prior to the lesson so that the child has a better understanding when being told verbally Demonstrate movements / skills so that the child can see what they look like
	Dyslexia	 Ensure any written instructions are reinforced verbally or with visuals Ensure the child understands the language you

Cognition and Learning		 have used in instructions (eg: positional or special language) Give instructions clearly and slowly. Repeat one to one if necessary Check with the child that they have understood what the instruction is Demonstrate movements / skills so that the child can see what they look like Consider the equipment being used in a PE lesson and provide alternatives where
	Dyspraxia	 necessary Allow the child to get changed into PE kit before the rest of the class Reinforce instructions on what to do during a PE session / activity Be explicit about the rules of a game
	Dyscalculia	 Provide written instructions, printed diagrams and personalised worksheets with a worked example for the child to follow Allow opportunity to repeat an activity so the child is able to process, store it their long term memory and recall it
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	Experienced Trauma	 The PACE approach should be used, using playfulness, acceptance, curiosity and empathy to understand my emotions and behaviour Before the lesson, come up with strategies for if difficulties occur during the lesson, and ways these can be overcome, reminding children that learning is about trial and error Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand, and deliver these slowly
	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	 Reinforce instructions on what to do during a PE session / activity Be explicit about the rules of a game
	Anxiety	 Discuss with the child how to get into the building from outside if they need to use the toilet during a lesson Prior to the lesson, discuss what PE equipment is going to be used Where possible, the child will work in the same group / team for each session

Sensory and / or Physical Needs	Hearing Impairment	 Consider the use of inclusive PE equipment (e.g. balls containing bells) Give instructions prior to moving outside or into a hall space where there may be additional background noise/echo
	Visual Impairment	 Consider the use of inclusive PE equipment (e.g. oversized/lighter balls) Child to spend time prior to PE lessons in the space that is to be used to get a sense of the surroundings
	Toileting Issues	 Discuss with the child how to get into the building from outside if they need to use the toilet during a lesson Walk them through how to get to the toilet from an outside space and time how long it takes Be mindful of using bending and stretching movements within PE lessons and ensure that this isn't uncomfortable for the child