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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to write to you to explain some recent changes to the funding available to schools for PE and sport, and what this means for our school moving forward. For several years, schools have received additional Sports Premium funding to support the development of PE, physical activity and school sport. This funding has enabled us to provide opportunities and experiences above and beyond what we could normally provide through our core school budget. We have used this funding carefully to maximise opportunities for as many children as possible. It has supported things such as additional sporting opportunities, competitions, staff development and specialist provision. Unfortunately, changes to the Sports Premium funding available to us mean that we are now facing a significant reduction in the funding we have available to support these additional opportunities.

What does this mean for our children?

One of the consequences of this reduction is that, at present, we are no longer able to fund our YDP provision in the same way that we have previously. This means that we will unfortunately no longer be able to offer the additional PE intervention sessions that have supported children to develop skills, nor the additional sessions designed to push, stretch and challenge our more able and talented young athletes. We recognise the value these opportunities have provided and appreciate that this will be disappointing news for some children and families. However, I want to be clear that this is not a change in our commitment to PE and sport. Sport remains at the heart of our school PE and sport continue to be a huge part of our school ethos. We are incredibly proud of the opportunities we provide for our children, from high-quality PE lessons and clubs to competitions, tournaments and representing our school. We provided high-quality PE and sporting opportunities before Sports Premium funding existed, and we will continue to do so now.

The reduction in funding simply means that we have to look differently at how we provide some of the additional opportunities we have become accustomed to offering. Our priority remains ensuring that every child has the opportunity to:

- Develop a love of physical activity and sport
- Experience high-quality PE teaching
- Develop their physical skills and confidence
- Represent the school in competitive sport
- Participate in clubs, competitions and sporting events
- Develop teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship
- Be challenged and encouraged to reach their potential

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Looking ahead…

Although we cannot currently provide the YDP intervention and additional athlete development sessions in the way we have previously, this remains a target for us. We will continue to explore different ways of providing these opportunities and are already considering how we can adapt our approach, work with partners and make the most effective use of the resources available to us.

Our aim is to find a sustainable way to reintroduce additional opportunities for children who need further support, as well as those who demonstrate particular sporting ability and would benefit from further challenge. I hope this reassures you that this is not us stepping away from PE and sport. Far from it. Sport has always been a significant part of our school, and it will continue to be. The funding may have changed, but our ambition for our children has not.

We will continue to provide as many opportunities as we possibly can and will work hard to ensure that our children continue to experience the enjoyment, challenge, teamwork and sense of achievement that sport can bring.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

James Horwood
Assistant Head Teacher and PE Lead