

## 2019-2020 Impact

**Positive News = Meir Heath Academy has achieved the School Games Gold award (as stated by the School Games organiser) for the Fourth year in a row as information from the previous year has been carried forward.**

As of the 16<sup>th</sup> March all activities, festivals and competitions were put on hold and then inevitably cancelled. The following information shows the extensive calendar of events that were in place for the rest of the academic year. It is not possible to demonstrate fully the increased opportunities for the academic year. However, it has been possible to make a number of comparisons (as stated at the end of this report) in specific areas prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

A further 7 festivals/competitions within the Blythe Bridge Cluster. Involving children from KS1 and KS2. The number of participants estimated at 104.

A further 4 School Games competitions. The number of participants estimated at 82 involving 3 'B' teams.

A further 2 St Bart's Academy Trust festivals. Involving children as young leaders and participants at approximately 40 children.

A further Parent and Child event for KS1 and KS2 during the summer term in orienteering.

Purchase of sports equipment to use in curriculum time and during after school clubs has also been put on hold at the moment for review in September.

### Impact prior to the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

All children have 2 hours of curriculum PE per week. A lunchtime rota is used in Key Stage 2 for activities including football, downball, skipping and other ball games. KS1 children have a playground leader session on a day when they do not have PE. During KS1 and KS2 singing assembly children have active dances. During a Friday celebration assembly the children begin the assembly with a dance with the PE teacher (approx... 10 minutes). Go Noodle (an active resource) has been introduced to the school and is used in assembly time and during class assembly time. Our outdoor area equipment has been refurbished and children now have access to these areas during playtimes and lunchtimes, specifically for the children not involved with Playground Leaders. PE clubs when possible are organised for the day that the children do not have PE in order for them to receive an extra session. There is no limit on the amount of children who can attend a sports club. On average clubs have 30+ involved. All of these sustainable initiatives add to the 30 minute daily target.

Number of clubs offered = 9 for both Key Stages.

Number of Intra House competitions offered = 4 in Netball (Y6), Dodgeball (Y2-6), Handball (Y6) and Table Tennis (Y3-6).

In the previous year Handball was introduced. This year it has been developed and embedded into the PE curriculum for Year 6 and has been introduced as a series of taster sessions for Year 5. As a school we have good links with our feeder High School who offer Handball and it is a sport used in G.C.S.E. P.E. Therefore, we are preparing the children for their progression into KS3.

Timetabling structure has maintained regarding swimming. The PE teacher who is also a qualified swimming teacher is able to attend the weekly sessions in order to maintain standards of teaching.

As a school we have continued to develop the 'PE Challenge Bags' initiative. These bags have been used weekly. This year the focus was on the personal challenge initiative from the School Games. The initiative links with the 30/30 daily activity initiative. Feedback from parents has been great with some fantastic diary entries.

We have continued to create further links with parents in PE and sport by running a 'Tri Table Tennis' session where parents and children complete a series of activities in the sport of table tennis with 24 pairs of performers in Y3/4 attending. This is a sustainable event that will run next year. It has now become an annual event.

A fitness club for Y3/4 and a Boxercise club for Y5/6 were provided with a number of children targeted for the club who are less active and where not fulfilling the 30 minutes of regular daily activity.

KS2 children have been given the opportunity to act as young leaders in a number of after school clubs and at a number of after school clubs and festivals.

'Better Lunchtimes' organisation was used to help develop an action plan. This included better use of time and for children to have a range of outdoor opportunities in order to be more active.

As a school we have continued to work closely with Blythe Bridge High School and with the St Bart's Trust in order to promote PE and sport opportunities in a wide range of sports. Six events occurred within the Blythe Bridge Cluster. A new event was added this year in the form of Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament. Three events occurred with the St Bart's Trust involving Year 5 and Year 6 children as young leaders.

We have continued to be involved in the School Games programme and have represented the Staffordshire Moorlands in Sportshall Athletics.

There have been a number of increased opportunities during the time until 16<sup>th</sup> March (as shown below).

1. Tri Table Tennis sessions = 24 pairs (last year 17 pairs)
2. Six girls from Y5/6 competed in the North Staffs Cross Country league of 4 meetings for Meir Heath Academy finishing in the top 10 against a number of established running clubs.
3. Total number of leadership opportunities last year were 63 and already by the above date 70 leadership opportunities had been given.
4. New Sportshall Athletics Festival for children in Year 3 and Year 4. This included leadership opportunities for Year 5 and Year 6 children. Total number involved = 44

