ADDITIONAL FUNDING

PE AND SPORTS PREMIUM

The purpose of the PE and sports grant is to make additional and sustainable improvements for the quality of PE and sport in primary schools. In Richard Cloudesley School we are focused on encouraging physical activity to promote self-esteem and resilience. Given the complex physical and medical needs of our pupils, physical activity also directly contributes to their physical health as well as their wellbeing.



Expenditure

In 2025-2026 we received £16,216 PE and sports premium funding. The grant has contributed towards the costs of our continuing Innowalk programme. The Innowalk is a robotic rehabilitation trainer which allows pupils with moderate to severe physical challenges the opportunity to stand and move. It enables assisted, guided and repetitive movements in an upright, weight bearing position which stimulates gross motor function and reduces the risk of negative health outcomes.



Funding has been utilised for supporting staff training, equipment and mentoring, working alongside specialist physiotherapists and contributed towards equipment servicing and repairs & maintenance.

We have also trained increased numbers of staff in the specialist areas of Rebound Therapy and hydro therapy to enable more pupils to benefit from access to these activities and supported horse riding therapy.

Impact

The Innowalk is accessible for the vast majority of our pupils, no matter how complex their physical needs. We have been able to target those pupils who would ordinarily be least active because of the physical challenges they face. Use of the Innowalk has been carefully planned to maximise opportunities for pupils' physical activity in addition to their usual PE curriculum, and has taken place in break times, lunchtimes and during holiday play schemes. In addition, it is also utilised in the classroom to promote active lessons, alongside other curriculum work.

Generally, pupils using the Innowalk have achieved their physical goals more quickly than they would have otherwise. Benefits for all pupils have included:

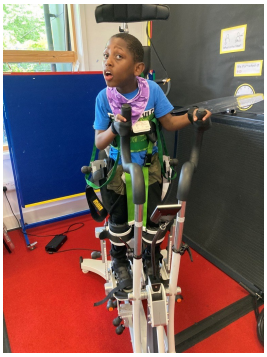
- reduction of pain levels
- Improved tolerance to other equipment

- Improved concentration
- Improved sleep
- Improved ease of transfers.

Horse riding therapy offers benefits including improved balance, core strength, co-ordination and muscle flexibility, while also improving attention and focus.

Alongside the physical benefits of both horse riding and Innowalk, participating pupils have improved their emotional wellbeing and resilience. Their improved comfort ensures that their readiness to learn is also increased.

The coming year





I**n 2026-27 we expect to receive £16,220 PE and sports premium funding.** We intend to continue the Innowalk programme and horse riding therapy, as they have proven so successful.

Our aims remain the same, and we hope that as use of the Innowalk becomes embedded into the school day, even more pupils will be able to participate.

In addition we will continue to train increased numbers of staff in Rebound Therapy and hydrotherapy in order that more pupils can benefit from these specialist activities.

Sustainability

We are committed to whole staff development and aim to train a wider group of staff in order to support the pupils. Teachers will be supported to embed the use of the Innowalk into class time where appropriate to encourage active lessons and continue the focus on pupil wellbeing and physical comfort to support being ready to learn. We also aim to train more staff who support pupils during our holiday provision in order to continue the programme outside of school hours.