

Supporting disabled children in mainstream PE

Over the last two years Sports Development has been able to work with the special schools to ensure inclusion in integrated festivals and support an annual programme of events. This has resulted in extra coaching going into schools and some sharing of best practice.

Although this has been an encouraging development we are aware a large number of children with a variety of disabilities and special needs are in mainstream schools. It is these children we are keen to start supporting.

We have set up two multi sport clubs (at the Grange and Chipping Sodbury schools with hopefully a third to follow in Bradley Stoke) for children with the full range of disabilities. These clubs cater for disabled children and their siblings up to the age of 16 and run early evening. The clubs are well known in the special schools but have fewer children attending from mainstream schools. We would greatly welcome more children from mainstream.

In terms of curriculum time support we have access to a full time disability coach and are keen to develop integrated sessions to support disabled children in mainstream but also give non disabled children some new experiences.

To this end in September we will run a pilot linking with Emerson's Green Primary School to support inclusive PE lessons in a mainstream setting. This will involve the PE Co-ordinator, SENCO and disability coach working together to plan a unit of work.

If you are interested in either the multi sport clubs or support for running inclusive lessons contact

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