



PE at The Greetland Academy is an integral part of the curriculum. We give the children the opportunity to experience a range of sporting activities and to compete in competitions, aimed at all abilities. We provide children with the chance to excel and showcase their talents in a variety of different sports. Every child participates in at least two hours of PE per week and alongside this we offer a lunchtime sports provision for KS2 children and a large number of after school and lunchtime clubs across both key stages. We ensure that sporting opportunities are varied in order to increase participation and encourage children to try new sports. We offer our children the opportunity to experience a range of new sporting activities that they may not have experienced before. This is done through both our own sports coach and other external experts. In the past, this has included skateboarding, judo and self-defence.

As a part of following our school values, we aim to encourage all our pupils to understand what a healthy lifestyle looks like. In the Summer term, we hold an annual Health Week, which involves activities linked to physical health, mental health and emotional wellbeing. We look at being physically healthy, having healthy diets and encourage work with the local community.

PE in the Early Years

Opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills in Reception are embedded throughout our whole curriculum. Children are given the opportunity to and encouraged to complete a range of different, carefully planned activities to develop and strengthen these skills throughout their day-to-day learning and play. As the year progresses, more formal elements of PE are introduced to the children and more structured PE lessons begin to take place, where the children learn fundamental basic skills to set them up for PE at the Greetland Academy.

PE at KS1

We offer a broad curriculum which allows children to develop their fundamental movement skills and increase confidence in balance, agility and coordination. Children participate in a range of competitive and cooperative sports including dance and gymnastics, multi skills, locomotion, throwing and catching and invasion games. We continue to develop CPD for teaching staff to ensure high quality provision is delivered. We work with a number of local specialist coaches to ensure that staff skills, knowledge and understanding are constantly improving.

PE at KS2

At the Greetland Academy, we offer a wide variety of sports on a one-year cycle. This ensures children develop skills in gymnastics and dance, net and wall games, invasion sports, inclusion sports, striking and fielding, outdoor and

adventure and athletics. All children in Year 5 participate in swimming lessons each year at Sowerby Bridge Swimming Pool, where they learn the essential skills required to become a confident swimmer and to understand water safety. We aim for all children to achieve their National Curriculum Swimming Award. Each year, we aim to offer top-up swimming lessons for children in Year 6, who have not yet achieved the required standards in swimming. We continue to develop CPD for teaching staff to ensure high quality provision is delivered. We work with a number of local specialist coaches to ensure that staff skills, knowledge and understanding are constantly improving.

Children have many opportunities to attend competitive sporting events and tournaments outside of school lessons. We have an excellent relationship with the Calderdale School Games Programme which provides children the opportunity to represent the school in our local area. As a result of our commitment towards the Calderdale School Games Programme, we have achieved the Gold Standard for the third consecutive year. Our aim for the 2024-2025 academic year is to achieve the Platinum Standard, which is achieved by maintaining our Gold Standard for over 3 years.