

## Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

### The future for the PE curriculum and sports provision for children and young people in England

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 9.05 **Priorities for improving access to sport for young people**  
**Alison Oliver**, CEO, Youth Sport Trust  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Embedding PE in the curriculum and priorities for school sport**  
*implications of the Curriculum and Assessment Review / the status of PE within the curriculum / protecting curriculum time and achieving consistency across key stages / inclusive and diverse sport options / increasing participation and engagement among girls, pupils with SEND, and underrepresented groups / progression in physical literacy / national reforms and findings from the Game On inquiry / the role of School Sport Partnerships / implications of the 10-Year Health Plan for school sport, facilities, active travel, and mental health*  
Senior representative, primary school  
Senior representative, secondary school  
Senior representative, sport body  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Funding and infrastructure priorities**  
*funding pressures at school level and implications of the 2025 Spending Review / support for PE within wider budget constraints / future of the Primary PE and Sport Premium / national and local investment in school and community facilities / progress under the Opening School Facilities programme / inequalities in access and models for community use / co-location and multi-use facilities / planning reform, maintenance issues, and integration with active travel goals*  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, community group  
Senior representative, sports body  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary
- 11.10 **Developing professional development and support for the PE workforce**  
**Kate Thornton-Bousfield**, CEO, Association for Physical Education
- 11.20 **Strengthening PE teacher training, whole-school activity culture, and leadership**  
*embedding PE and sport in whole-school culture / the role of senior leadership in prioritisation / strengthening subject-specific training in PE ITT and support for early career teachers / improving teacher confidence and access to CPD / the role of local authorities and Active Partnerships in school support / workforce shortages, devolved skills budgets, and local training strategies / developing inclusive pedagogies and SEND-specific approaches*  
Senior representative, school  
Senior representative, ITT  
Senior commentator
- 11.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Collaboration and widening participation**  
*removing barriers to participation for disadvantaged learners and those with SEND / staff training, adapted provision, and access to facilities / building inclusive sport cultures / local partnerships and collaboration between schools, charities, sports organisations, and local authorities*  
Senior representative, SEND  
Senior representative, charity  
Senior representative, school  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for PE moving forward**  
**Jeanette Bain-Burnett**, Executive Director, Policy and Integrity, Sport England  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentary  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Education Forum