

Westminster Education Forum policy conference:

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 4th December 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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
Iain Williamson, Headteacher, Dame Dorothy Primary School, Sunderland
Ruth Shaw, Headteacher, William Brookes School, Shropshire
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
Professor Andy Daly-Smith, Professor, Physical Activity and Child Health, University of Bradford
Senior representative, school
Senior representative, community group
Senior representative, sports body
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 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
Dave Woodward, Senior Lecturer and PGCE Secondary Physical Education Subject Lead, University of Worcester
Professor Kevin Till, Professor of Athletic Development and Director of the Centre for Child & Adolescent Physical Literacy, Leeds Beckett University
Senior representative, school
- 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
Dr Janine Coates, Reader, Equity and Inclusion in Physical Activity and Sport, Loughborough University
Senior representative, SEND
Senior representative, charity
Senior representative, school
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 Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Education Forum