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Parental Views on PE and School Sport Spring Term 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

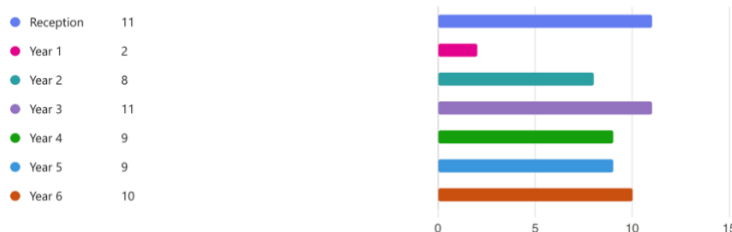
Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to tell us your views and opinions about the provision of PE and sport in our school. Your views are very much appreciated.

The children have also shared their views and a summary of their responses will also be shared with you.

A Summary of Parental Voice on PE and School Sport Provision

The recent survey of parental perceptions regarding Physical Education (PE) and sports provision at Balderstone gathered 41 responses, (representing approximately 60% of our pupils) shedding light on both positive sentiments and potential areas for improvement. A significant focal point was the enjoyment level of children in PE lessons, with varied responses reflecting a spectrum of experiences amongst our pupils.

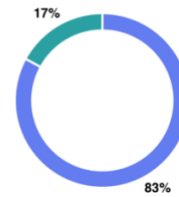
2. What year is your child/ children in?



When asked if your children enjoy PE lessons, many parents expressed affirmative responses, stating things like "my child really enjoys PE" and "loves PE". However, a few reported mixed feelings, citing instances where their children experienced discomfort or dissatisfaction. For example, one parent noted that their child occasionally feels upset due to not having a partner during lessons, while another highlighted that the enjoyment can fluctuate depending on the day's weather or lesson difficulty.

3. Do you think your child/children enjoy PE lessons?

● Yes	34
● No	0
● sometimes	7

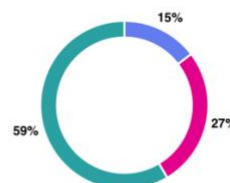


Those who answered "no" or "sometimes" to the enjoyment question provided insightful elaborations. We have taken these comments on board and have already started to action and develop these areas further. Now that we have been made aware, we will be keeping a close eye on the situation. Thank you for bringing it to our attention. Should you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to come in to school to discuss this further with Mrs Gow.

In response to inquiries about additional sports clubs that could benefit your children, parents proposed a diverse array of activities. Popular suggestions included gymnastics, football, basketball, tennis, and dance. Many parents expressed that their children would thrive in team sports, emphasising the importance of fostering an understanding of teamwork and cooperation. Particularly, a parent mentioned that "any team sports will benefit * in her understanding of teamwork, helping each other, listening and working together." There were also requests for newer sports such as archery and more structured after-school sessions to better prepare students for competitive events.

6. We currently provide 10 different sports club during the lunch hour each week, which are different each term. What would be your preferred time of day for school to provide additional extra curricular sports provision? [More details](#)

● before school	6
● After school	11
● Neither - we are happy with lunchtime provision alone.	24



There were a small number of requests for clubs to occur before or after school but the majority preferred the lunch time provision. We do currently have 'Activ8' (self defence/martial arts) on a Tuesday morning from 8am and there are always places available for this club. Our morning brekkie club also provides a physical activity every morning, which is free to attend. Both clubs are open to all year groups.

We appreciate that many children have commitments outside of school hours, which makes it difficult to attend after school clubs. With this in mind, please continue to encourage your child to sign up to as many lunch time clubs as possible and embrace the opportunities on offer. Research has

shown that being active also supports academic, personal, social and emotional development.

Feedback regarding the overall quality of the current PE and sporting provision was generally positive, with words like "excellent", "fantastic", and "inclusive" frequently appearing in responses. Parents expressed satisfaction with the range of opportunities available, noting positive developments in confidence and skills amongst children, particularly in team sports. Additionally, parents appreciated the efforts made by the school to ensure that all children, not just a select few, had access to sporting opportunities.

Some parents shared and understood the challenges we face, specifically regarding transport issues for events held at external venues. We very much appreciate your patience and understanding with this. It was suggested that we ask for small voluntary contributions towards all coach transport to sporting events in the future, echoing a desire to enable greater participation in off-site activities. Moreover, a few concerns were raised about the clarity of communication surrounding after-school clubs. The majority of our after-school clubs are now provided through our wrap around provision with Progressive Sports and are advertised through their promotional materials. Where after school clubs are for specific year groups, or provided by school staff, we contact these parents via parentmail. In addition, a timetable of all of our clubs each term can be found at <https://www.balderstoneschool.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=106>

Overall, the feedback that you have all provided illustrates a strong appreciation for PE and school sport provision at Balderstone along with constructive recommendations for enhancing the experience. You not only value the physical activity but also recognise the significant developmental benefits that such participation offers. We will work towards addressing the concerns shared to further solidify positive experiences, ensuring that all children can thrive in their physical education journey. Thank you so much for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Please do visit the PE pages regularly to find out more about our provision: <https://www.balderstoneschool.co.uk/page/?title=PE&pid=88>...and don't forget to join us on Twitter as well to keep up to date with events in school and at competitions.

Thank you again for your feedback,

Best wishes,

Mrs Heyworth

