

THE PE, SCHOOL SPORT & CLUB LINKS STRATEGY (PESSCL)

This section, details the 8 areas covered by the Government's PESSCL strategy - the main aim of which is to:

"enhance the take-up of sporting opportunities by five- to sixteen-year-olds by increasing the percentage of school children who spend a minimum of two hours each week on high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum from 25% in 2002 to 75% in 2006 and 85% by 2008."

And by 2010 the aims is to offer all children at least 4 hours of sport every week, comprised of at least 2 hours high quality PE and sport at school and the opportunity for at least a further 2-3 hours beyond the school day (delivered by a range of school, community and club providers).

What is the PESSCL strategy?

The Physical Education School Sport Club Links strategy incorporates eight different strands, supported by £459 million from central government.

1. Specialist Sports Colleges

A school that specialises in physical education and school sport as a vehicle for continued whole school improvement

2. School Sport Partnerships

A cluster of schools' (primary and secondary) that centre around a hub-site (usually a sports college) to share PE expertise, facilities, coaching and professional development.

In essence sport partnerships enhance sports opportunities for all

3. Professional Development

This programme will ensure that teachers and others have the tools and expertise they need to deliver high quality physical education and school sport.

Modules follow a number of different themes and are delivered by local tutors for free

4. Step into Sport

Step into sport encourages involvement in sports leadership and volunteering.

5. School / Club links

Provides the link between high quality physical education and sporting opportunities in the local community

6. Gifted and Talented

This programme aims to improve the range and quality of teaching, coaching and learning for talented sports people.

The Youth Sports Trust have a dedicated site called [talent ladder](#)

7. Swimming

Raising the profile of swimming in the PE curriculum via a new swimming charter

8. QCA PE and Sport investigation

The QCA is working closely with schools and partnerships across England to investigate high quality PE and school sport.