King's Cross Academy

Sports Premium Spending Plan and Review

Ratification and Monitoring

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Review date:	September 2027
Website?	YES - statutory
Policy drive?	YES
Master Policy S/S	YES

Approval

Headteacher	Stephen Mitchell	September 2026
Chair of Governors	Alexandra Woolmore	September 2026

Internal Monitoring

Eliot Newton	PE Lead	September 2026

Primary PE & Sport at KCA

Headteacher	Stephen Mitchell, Headteacher
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Plan date	August 2026
Review	July 2027
Governor oversight	September 2026

Funding context	For the 2026–27 academic year, the traditional direct-to-school Primary PE and Sport Premium is being phased out and replaced by a national PE and School Sport Partnerships Network. The new network is expected to be fully operational from spring 2027. During the transition, eligible primary schools are expected to receive a one-off transition payment averaging around £8,000, paid in the autumn and available to spend across the 2026–27 academic year.

KCA commitment	King's Cross Academy had already finalised its 2026–27 PE and sport plan before the reduction in direct school funding was announced. We have therefore chosen to supplement the reduced allocation from the school's own budget so that the planned programme can continue. This protects opportunities for competition, inclusive swimming, dance and high-quality curriculum swimming despite the national funding change.

Our 2026–27 priorities

Priority	What this means at KCA
1. Competitive sport	Maintain broad access to Camden Schools Sports Association tournaments so pupils can represent KCA, develop teamwork and experience competitive sport.
2. Inclusive swimming	Provide additional SEND swimming so pupils who need a more adapted or targeted approach can develop water confidence, safety and swimming proficiency.
3. Dance and cultural sport	Continue our partnership with The Place, widening pupils' experience of dance, movement and physical expression beyond traditional competitive sport.
4. Swimming for all	Continue to contribute towards high-quality swimming provision, protecting KCA's established model of regular swimming and strong water-safety outcomes.
5. Equity and participation	Use PE and sport investment to remove barriers to participation, with particular attention to pupils with SEND and pupils who are less likely to access sport outside school.

2025–26: a year in review

Sport remained a visible and inclusive part of life at King's Cross Academy during 2025–26. Pupils represented TeamKCA in Camden tournaments, Year 5 worked with professional dancers through The Place, families and pupils took part in Run Kids Run, and swimming continued from Year 1 upwards. Our work with OPAL also strengthened the place of active, creative play across the school day.

2025–26 target / action	What happened	End-of-year comment
Whole-school PE planning	Structured planning and resources continued to support consistency in PE teaching.	The approach remained useful in supporting teacher confidence and consistent provision. The next step is to keep strengthening adaptation and accessibility for pupils with SEND.
Extracurricular and targeted activity	Targeted morning fitness through MW5 supported pupils needing an additional boost in physical confidence, energy, attendance or punctuality.	The targeted model was particularly valuable for harder-to-reach pupils. In 2026–27 our investment is being focused more tightly on provision with a clear inclusion or curriculum impact.
Camden Schools Sports Association tournaments	Pupils took part in a wide range of borough competitions and represented the school with enthusiasm and pride.	Target met. Competitive opportunities promoted teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship and will be protected in the 2026–27 plan.
The Place dance partnership	Year 5 pupils learned from professional dancers, attended rehearsals and performed; a whole-school performance also brought dance into the playground.	Target met. Dance successfully broadened the meaning of physical education and engaged pupils beyond traditional competitive sport. The partnership will continue in 2026–27.
Swimming	Swimming remained a major part of KCA's offer, with pupils accessing instruction across the school and Year 6 outcomes remaining very strong.	Target met. The school will continue to protect swimming provision and add targeted SEND swimming in 2026–27.
OPAL and active play	The school continued its collaboration with OPAL to develop outdoor spaces and encourage movement, creativity and social interaction throughout the day.	Good progress was made in embedding active play within the wider school approach. OPAL is now part of our sustainable whole-school provision rather than a recurring Sport Premium cost.

Planned spend for 2026–27

The planned programme below totals £16,830. Because the direct-to-school funding model is being reduced during the national transition, King's Cross Academy will supplement the available grant funding from its own budget to deliver the plan as intended.

Action	Provider	Intended impact	Planned cost
Camden Schools Sports Association tournaments	Camden	Competition, representation, teamwork and broad participation in borough sport.	£1,350
Targeted SEND swimming	GLL	Additional adapted swimming provision to improve confidence, access, water safety and proficiency for pupils with SEND.	£3,000
Dance programme	The Place	Professional dance experiences that broaden participation and expose pupils to high-quality movement and performance.	£1,200
Contribution towards swimming / curriculum delivery	GLL	Protects the school's extensive swimming offer and supports pupils to meet national curriculum swimming and water-safety expectations.	£11,280
OPAL	OPAL	No recurring Sport Premium cost in 2026–27. Active play is now embedded within the school's wider provision.	£0
Sports equipment	School	No specific Sport Premium allocation planned at the start of the year; equipment needs will be reviewed through normal school budgeting.	£0
TOTAL PLANNED SPEND			**£16,830**

How we will judge impact

- Participation in Camden tournaments is broad and pupils have regular opportunities to represent the school.
- Pupils with SEND who access additional swimming demonstrate improved confidence, engagement and progress in the water.
- The Place programme provides a high-quality dance experience and engages pupils who may not identify with traditional competitive sport.
- Swimming remains accessible and pupils continue to make strong progress towards national curriculum swimming and water-safety expectations.
- Leaders review participation and provision during the year so that investment remains focused on inclusion, sustainability and pupil need.

Swimming data: 2025–26 Year 6 cohort

KCA's existing statement records the following outcomes for the Year 6 cohort at the end of 2025–26:

Measure	2025–26 outcome	Context
Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over at least 25 metres	**92%**	Children start swimming at KCA in Years 1 and 2 at St Pancras Pool and complete intensive courses at Cally Pool from Years 3 to 6.
Use a range of strokes effectively	**92%**	Front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke are included within the school's swimming provision.
Perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations	**92%**	Water safety remains a core part of the school's swimming offer.
Additional top-up sessions required after core lessons	**N/A**	The recorded Year 6 cohort met the national curriculum swimming expectations.
School staff CPD to teach swimming and water safety	**No**	Swimming is delivered through professional swimming coaches at Camden swimming pools.