



Strategies for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Physical Education lessons.

Area of Need	How we support our pupils to succeed
Communication and Interaction	 Clear routines and expectations. Signals to be used in line with behaviour policy. e.g. teacher raises hand for 'Stop/silent' signal and 1,2,3. Ensure clear instructions are given throughout the lesson. Demonstrations given – by teacher or child. Keep instructions short. Better to stop three times to give three short 'update' instructions rather than one long initial input. Match your language to the language of the child. Pre-teach and repeat key vocabulary, required in the lesson, e.g. 'sequence' or 'pass'. Use visual prompt cards/posters and the working wall in the hall. Ensure teacher is stood appropriately when giving input, i.e. where children can all see, where the sun is not directly behind the teacher, etc.
Cognition and Learning	 Ensure clear instructions are given throughout the lesson Give additional time to practice key skills outside of lesson time, either before or after a lesson. Adapting activities where needed, to ensure children can be successful. Pre-teach key vocabulary required for a lesson, e.g. 'sequence' or 'pass'. Demonstrations from teacher or child throughout the lessons. Use an ipad to show short clips of skills during a lesson.
Social Emotional and Mental Health	 Clear and consistent boundaries from lesson to lesson. Use of TIS strategies throughout a lesson. Keep groups small and ensure competition is evenly matched to allow children to feel successful in games situations.

	 Consider what the outcome of a game is – i.e. do they simply achieve points by scoring a goal, or could they score points by retaining possession, supporting a team mate, etc. Give praise and feedback for personal skills, i.e. showing confidence, respect, etc. This will be linked to My PB. Highlight errors as an opportunity to improve personal achievement. Focus on My PB values, and 'most improved' as well as simply highlighting a winner. "Well done to Desmond for the best performance, but even more impressive were Dorothy, Debbie and Derek for improving their best score by more than 10." End competitive elements of the lesson with a handshake and "Well done". Discuss as a class difficult element, e.g. how to cope with losing/not achieving your best. A clear 'time-out' option where children can step out, then rejoin if required. Ensure boundaries and expectations for the lesson are clear and consistent Give children jobs within the lesson so that they feel part of the class team.
Sensory and Physical	 Pre teach specific skills and techniques Provide children with additional time to practice specific techniques and adapt equipment if required – e.g. different sized balls, larger target area. Ensure all members of staff in the lesson are aware of any sensory needs or triggers e.g. losing, not being first, feel of materials, getting changed for PE etc Give children visuals to support routines, such as getting changed for PE and getting back into school clothes. Promote independence of life skills. Give time to practice how to correctly use equipment – adapt slightly if required. Ensure work spaces are organised and do not become cluttered. Consider alternative methods of recording ideas or evaluating work. Movements breaks within the lesson to aid concentration.