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Dear Headteacher and or PE Coordinator

We are writing to you as representatives of the **Poole and East Dorset School Sports Association**. (<https://pedssa.com/>)

PEDSSA offers numerous opportunities , some of which link to county competitions, whilst others may be non-competitive, and festival based. The aim of the association, as written on the home page of <https://pedssa.com/>, is *to help staff in each school promote and develop high quality school sport*. Primary and secondary schools in PEDSSA have access to a variety of benefits, including

1. Opportunities for students to participate in competitive sports and develop their skills and talents
2. Access to high quality sports facilities such as AstroTurf's, athletic tracks and sports halls
3. Opportunities to visit other local secondary schools
4. Access to high-quality coaching and officiating from experienced professionals
5. A platform for students to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship
6. Opportunities for staff to network and share best practices with colleagues from other schools
7. A chance to promote physical education and healthy lifestyles among students

As you will be aware, the Government Spending Review confirmed that the **PE and sport premium for primary schools** has been confirmed for next year. This means that all primary schools get a minimum of £16,000 per annum to be spent on enhancing provision of PE and School sport opportunities. Your school will receive this £16,000 plus £10 per pupil and this money should be ring fenced for the sole use of PE and School Sport in each Primary School. The [government website](#) goes further recommending the following:

Effective ways to spend the Primary School Sport premium

It is important that schools make the most effective use of the premium. To best achieve this, spending should focus on making improvements in 5 key areas, to assist in:

- i. increasing confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sporting activities
- ii. increasing engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity and sporting activities
- iii. raising the profile of PE and sport across the school, to support whole school improvement
- iv. offer a broader and more equal experience of a range of sports and physical activities to all pupils
- v. increasing participation in competitive sport by entering local school competitions
- vi. holding inter-house competitions in the school to encourage participation

Membership and participation in PEDSSA activities would help your school achieve many of the points above recommended by the government. Primary School PE has been very well funded over the past decade, and it is essential that schools use this money effectively.

Secondary School PE and School Sport, on the other hand, is not government funded, but it is hoped that PEDSSA raises the profile of secondary sport in the area and local headteachers see the benefits of affiliating. PEDSSA is the gateway for schools in the area to experience inter school sport and the route to county competitions. Non-competitive festival-based activities are also planned, and local schools can network with other schools to set up local festivals and fixtures at an appropriate level.

The PEDSSA executive committee have decided it is necessary to increase the PEDSSA membership fees from September 2025 due to an increase in facility hire and medal costs. Affiliation fees were previously at £0.25p per pupil, however, from Sept 2025 it will be increased to £0.35p per pupil on roll in Years 3 through to Year 11.

Our current members wanted more opportunities to be offered to more years and a wider range of sports, so with this in mind we are expanding our offering to years 3 and 4 and looking to offer a wider range of activities. This will mean that we are opening up our membership to schools with children in Year 3 and Year 4. (East Dorset First Schools)

What is required:

- i. Completion of the [Online Commitment to Affiliate form](#)
- ii. Payment of membership fees for all children on roll Year 3 and above, received by October 24th 2025
- iii. Representation of your school at the PEDSSA meetings (this may be online)

If schools can offer support in either hosting events or organising events this will be hugely helpful to the increased offer of provision PEDSSA can provide.

If you would like to join PEDSSA for September 2025-26, please register your school with us via the [Online Commitment to Affiliate form](#)
The AGM meeting date for late September will be announced shortly and your school invited to attend.

The affiliation invoice (pdf) is attached to this email as well as this above information.

With Kind Regards,

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