INTRODUCTION

The Government is providing primary schools in England with funding of £320 million per year to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport they offer.

County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) have a Government defined role to help and support primary schools to effectively spend their grant.

Yorkshire Sport Foundation is your CSP. We’re funded by Sport England and we believe that school-to-school support is an effective way to spend your grant.

This is why we are coordinating a network of ‘Centres of Excellence’ to enable best practice across the region to be shared.

Becoming a Centre of Excellence is a quick and easy process. Simply complete the online case study and provide us with an idea of the support you are able to offer.

Financial support up to £1,000 may be offered to cover your costs.
Centres of Excellence are hubs of expertise and outstanding practice in their specialist areas. They have a proven track record of securing improved outcomes for young people.

Specialist areas in PE and Sport could include:
- Improving the quality of teaching
- Increasing achievement
- Improving health outcomes
- Increasing participation in sport or physical activity
- Engaging the least active
- Working with parents or community groups

This school-to-school support offers flexible, up-to-date provision from current practitioners. Centres of Excellence may offer seminars and training opportunities as well as bespoke support.

Support for schools can take the following forms:
- Structured visits to host school or link school
- Coaching and mentoring support
- Classroom observation
- Job shadowing
- Open mornings
- Assistance with planning
- Sharing of resources

Why become a Centre of Excellence?
- Community engagement across South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire
- Sharing and promoting good practice
- Development opportunities for staff
- School-to-school support
- Recognition in national and local publications and press
- Additional funding to improve further

The Centre of Excellence programme will ensure a bespoke offer and, by sharing outstanding practice across the network, improve standards and impact on pupils physical health and emotional well-being.

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Please complete the online application detailing what your school is doing well and what impact you have recorded.

Apply Online