

# ACTIVATE EAST GRINSTEAD

## MAKING SPORT HAPPEN



## ACTIVATE UPDATE: 2014

As part of the original Activate Model, there was a determination to increase the opportunities available to Primary Schools and improve the quality of teaching of Sport and P.E to help prepare schools taking part in the annual Primary Sports Programme of Events run in East Grinstead (and across Mid Sussex). With quality as the focus, input from the local East Grinstead Sports Clubs and coaches were sought in an attempt to increase the ability and skill-set of the young people at our Primary Schools.

To this end, Primary Schools have used some of their Government released Sport Premium funding to drive the Activate Coaching Matrix. The initiative will run from January to December 2014, with an option to continue into 2015 and 2016 (now that the Government has announced a third year of funding – see extract below).

The projections for this initiative are significant and measurable; 5 different sports will be on offer to the Primary Schools each term (3 terms each year). There are currently 7 coaches being deployed in schools in this term alone. There will be approximately 156 hours of coaching being delivered each half term (6 weeks on average), which will impact on an estimated 650 children per term. This will equate to almost 2000 young people being targeted as the variety of sports on offer each have a particular year group focus (as linked to the tournaments and festivals delivered as part of the Primary Sports Programme of Events).

## **SCHOOL SPORT PREMIUM UPDATE:**

Statement no. 2.164: The Government will provide £150 million of funding to continue the School Sport Premium initiative into the 2015-16 academic year, meaning Primary Schools will be able to put in place longer term plans to improve their PE and Sport provision.

Sport England will also launch a £18 million Lottery funded scheme called the Primary School Sports Facilities Fund from 2014 to improve sports facilities in Primary Schools, to benefit both school children and the wider community.

These announcements are clearly great news for our East Grinstead Primary Schools as the additional third year of funding creates a greater chance of sustainability of the projects and changes we are trying to initiate.

Steve Hill.