



Characteristics displayed by greater depth children in PE

Assessing children as Greater Depth in P.E is often difficult. Whilst one child may excel in Sports, they may not demonstrate the same ability in Gymnastics. Therefore, when making an overall judgment on Greater Depth it needs to be a best-fit policy across all disciplines. Teachers should consider the following core values and beliefs when assessing whether a pupil is greater depth. Greater depth children will be:

- Children who take part in after-school sports clubs both in school and external clubs.
- Children who have been selected to represent their county, team or higher.
- Children who have been awarded trophies and certificates.
- Children who have the confidence to lead others.
- Children who understand what it means to live a fit and healthy lifestyle – and lead one themselves to some extent.
 - Why do we warm up and cool down?
 - Why does our heart pump faster?
 - What muscles are being used in different skills?
- Children who excel in a variety of sports and show great enthusiasm when taking part in physical activity.
- Enjoys the task of learning new skills and applies them quickly.
- A high natural ability.
- Children who can transfer skills previously taught from one sport-based context to another.
- Children who display a good understanding of the rules.
- Children who can use and change tactics within games.
- Children who are able to set themselves personal challenges (independently) and achieve them (independently or with support).
- Children who work very well as part of a team and show great sportsmanship – being encouraging of others,
- Children who can perform well in a competitive format.