



Irish Primary PE Association

Cumann Corpoideachais Bunscoile na hÉireann

The Irish Primary Physical Education Association's vision for Physical Education in primary schools in 2020.

- Physical Education will be at the centre of the education of children.
- Physical education experiences will help to develop physical, social and emotional competencies and confidence in children to participate in physical activity, appropriate extra-curricular and community sporting opportunities.
- Children will experience physical education programmes which offer a wide variety of learning opportunities related to content in gymnastics, dance, athletics, aquatics, games and outdoor and adventure activities.
- Physical education will be characterised by meaningful learning through movement.
- Physical education will be inclusive, fun and maximise physical activity opportunities in lessons.
- Children's progress in physical education lessons will be recorded and reported to parents regularly.
- Planning for physical education will be under taken by all staff led by a subject leader (who is supported in developing particular subject expertise) and supported by the school principal.
- Physical education will be taught to children by their class teacher.
- Appropriate continuous professional development in physical education will be provided to teachers facilitated by professionals with expertise in primary education.
- Physical education will be supported by a physically active school which maximises opportunities to promote physical activity at lesson transitions and break times, encouraging active travel to and from school as well as promoting activities on school notice boards and newsletters.
- Optional extra-curricular activities will be supported by National Governing Bodies of Sport, Local Sport Partnerships and Health Service Executive initiatives.

This vision statement is thanks to responses received from IPPEA members as well as the committee in October 2012 from an invitation that was emailed to members. Responses were examined. Common themes that emerged were highlighted. The vision statement was prepared. Edits were received from IPPEA executive members at an IPPEA executive meeting 8 November 2012. The vision statement was submitted to the Sports Federation 9 November 2012 for inclusion in their annual report under the theme "Sport & physical activity in Ireland 2020". Physical education is seen as an important setting in the promotion of sport and physical activity.