

Hayle Community School

Health Related Exercise - Criterion 7

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Healthy School Validation 2004

School Details and Context

Pupils on roll: 690

Age range: 11 – 16

The only comprehensive school in a town of 8000 people

How was the need identified?

Three years ago, I had the idea of running a school Table Tennis Club. There was an enthusiastic group of Year 7 pupils who expressed a real interest. I approached the Head for equipment. One table was bought and another was donated by the Porthminster Hotel. It soon became clear that two tables were insufficient to meet the demand; we regularly had over 15 pupils after school.

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Steps taken to meet the criteria

It became clear very soon after starting the table tennis club that demand exceeded our provision of equipment. The school submitted a bid for £2500 to “Sport for All” to purchase table tennis equipment. Our bid was successful.

Who was involved in the process?

The Table Tennis Club is advertised throughout the school. We have a qualified coach who comes in to work with the children. We have arranged exhibition matches during the school’s open evenings.

Outcomes/impact on pupils and the wider community

The outcome of this injection of new equipment and the promotions is a popular and thriving Table Tennis club. We attract a wide range of ages and abilities – from the novice in Year 7 to Year 10 pupils who play in adult leagues. The school has the girls’ Under-13 County Champion. It is not uncommon to find the more experienced players coaching the other children.