



Tapscott Learning Trust	Newham, East London	4 schools
NOR: 2294	Primary: 3-11 yrs	Girls: 49% Boys: 51%
SEND: 15%	PP: 30%	EAL: 70%

// PE, school sport and play are crucial elements in delivering our overall Trust goal: healthy, happy children."

## Area Of Impact

The Strong Trust domains covered in the case study. Each case study demonstrates the School Improvement at Scale and Finance & Operation domains explicitly throughout their activities, and so the other domains have been highlighted more specifically.

Strategic governance	✓	Expert, ethical leadership	✓
High quality, inclusive education	✓	Workforce resilience and wellbeing	✓
Finance & operations	✓	Public benefit & civic duty	✓
School Improvement at Scale	✓		

## Vision & Rationale

What are the reasons for positioning PE, sport and play as a driver for change across the Trust and what outcomes do they hope to achieve?

Health and happiness radiates out of TTTTL schools. The TTTTL know that the **public benefit and civic duty** of their actions will be far reaching and they have the opportunity to change the narrative. Newham suffered the highest covid death rate in the country. Almost 50% of Newham's children are overweight or obese by the end of Year 6 and typically very high numbers of women do no exercise. For the TTTTL, their actions reverberate far beyond the school day and the school gates.

The **expert and ethical leadership** of the TTTTL know that happy, healthy children have better lives and life chances; they also know that happy teams will be sick less often, will be more likely to stay and will be far more productive and effective in their work. The benefit to the pupils and this community for a happy, healthy workforce are hard to quantify.

The creation of the Sports Hub is the operational driving force behind the strategic vision for healthy, happy children. Through strong **strategic governance** the management of resources has enabled the Sports Hub to serve the whole community.

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When we asked our children why they thought someone should come to one of our schools, one child said 'because they will arrive at school with a smile on their face and leave with one too'. Children are building their confidence, communication, leadership and self-esteem."

# Action

## What did the Trust do to achieve their ambitions?

Now in its sixth year the Sports Hub has two key aims:

1. To provide high quality support and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to empower all staff to deliver high quality PE lessons
2. To create opportunities for children to learn, collaborate and compete through school sports

At the heart of the Sports Hub is inclusion. Children with SEN and disabilities are provided with wide-ranging opportunities, building life skills and strong sense of achievement in the process. SEND children have specifically adapted competitions and bespoke adventure experiences so ensuring a **high quality and inclusive education** for all. Additionally, Girls Active festivals and competitions give girls the space to thrive, develop confidence and grow their communication and leadership skills.

Through considering their responsibilities from a **finance and operations** perspective, the TTLT made the decision to pool 70% of their Sport Premium funding, so creating a far greater impact across the Trust community.

Highly skilled staff from the Sports Hub are in the TTLT schools every day, ensuring all children have access to high quality PE, school sport and play, as well as working alongside teachers in PE lessons to provide expert professional development. PE leaders across the Trust also benefit from the support provided by the Sports Hub, with three schools receiving the School Games Gold Award and one receiving Platinum. One of the schools has also become the first Gold Healthy School in Newham.

Another role of the Sports Hub is to organise a programme of competitions and festivals, as well as to build a range of partnerships to enhance provision. The TTLT has become a UK Lead Partner for Major League Baseball and one school has both recently received funding to install a baseball diamond and taken part on the MLB games at the Olympic Stadium in Newham.

The Sports Hub also comes into its own outside of school hours, in supporting bespoke programmes for pupils and the community, for example, Active Learning lessons, Active Learning breaks, sports leaders, community workouts, walking clubs, holiday activity clubs and much more. With a big focus on active travel and family exercise in the playground, the TTLT is reaching into the community and bringing families into the schools.



I don't feel safe taking my children into the local parks as there are gangs and dangerous dogs. Its so nice that they can use the school playground as I don't have to worry and I know they are safe."

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# Impact

## What difference has been made across the trust?

1. Through the wider day to day experience and an extensive after school offer, the majority of nearly 2500 children are receiving 60 active minutes throughout their day.
2. 30 competitions with over 1500 children competing were organised through the Sports Hub last year.
3. Pupils are happier and healthier. Pupil and parental responses to questions around health and happiness are consistently 90%+ across the Trust.
4. Attendance is above national average despite a mobile population.
5. Outcomes are above national averages.
6. The PE curriculum is led by confident and well supported leaders who capitalise on networks, partnerships, pupil voice, self reflection, data and local context to ensure that curriculum is engaging and accessible for all.
7. The Sports Hub has grown to embrace 13 schools, ensuring that the wider community of children in the area benefit from all it has to offer.

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// Leaders and staff have created the school's 'Curriculum K'. This combines pupils' learning in all subjects, the development of their communication skills and the promotion of their physical and mental wellbeing."

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