What makes our PE curriculum exceptional?

1. It is underpinned by aims, values & purpose - **Article 29 UN Convention of Rights of the Child:** *Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.* - **Rickmansworth Park guiding principles**	2. It develops the whole person – knowledge, skills, understanding & attitudes. - PE lessons are regularly timetabled. - Participation in local competitions and festivals. - Year 6 Sports Leaders and lunchtime Play Leaders.	3. It is broad and balanced. - Whole school scheme and overview ensures a wide coverage of skills. - Links to festivals and competition. - EYFS curriculum is linked to themes and topics.
4. There is clear progression in subject knowledge and skills. Whole school PE scheme and overview ensures a wide coverage of skills. KS1 lessons are skill building and simplified games. KS2 develop these skills into more complex games and participation in inter-school competitions.	5. It is filled with rich first-hand experiences. Children at Rickmansworth Park take park in a variety of festivals and competitions. - Year 3 Push Ball tournament at the Croxley Revels. - Year 4 Dance Festival – Auditorium at Rickmansworth High School - Year 5 and 6 football tournament at Watford FC Training Ground.	6. It is flexible and responsive to individual needs and interests. The varied curriculum allows children to explore new opportunities and widen their interests. Skills are built over time allowing them to consolidate and extend their learning depending on the individual. Children can further develop these interests at lunchtime clubs and by representing the school in a variety of ways.
7. It has an eye on the future and the needs of future citizens. The varied curriculum aims to develop an interest in sports and fitness and also develop potential. Skills such as swimming and Health and Wellbeing lessons aim to establish a learning for life attitude.	8. It encourages the use of environments and expertise beyond the classroom. Attendance at the festivals and competitions allow children to take part in PE outside of our school environment. - Lizzy Duck's lunchtime and afterschool clubs. - OAA for Key Stage 2 and outdoor activities in the Year 6 trip. - Visits to Rickmansworth High School to use their facilities and work with SSP.	9. It makes meaningful links between areas of knowledge across the curriculum. The PE curriculum, where possible, aims to link with other topics and wider learning in the school. EYFS – bikes and scooters Science - understanding our bodies during fitness and keeping score. Maths – keeping score, estimating distance. Geography – Dances such as samba, flamenco and Bollywood.
10. It has a local, national and global dimension. - Participation in local festivals and competitions - Links with Schools Sports Partnership and Rickmansworth High School. - Workshops led by Watford FC and Tottenham Hotspur FC.	11. It is supported by high quality Subject Leader CPD. Teaching is supported by In-house Sports Leader, Lizzy Duck and visits from SSP coaches. PE CPD opportunities are available throughout the year from the SSP and local high school Rickmansworth High.	12. SMSC is embedded within the curriculum. (see SMSC Subject Statement)

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