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Dear families

DMP X FUNMOVES Gross Motor Screening

We are delighted to share that throughout the summer term, we will be implementing the FUNMOVES intervention trial into our PE lessons and wider school day. FUNMOVES is a universal screening tool that screens a whole class in one hour for gross motor difficulties. It helps to identify children within our school who are struggling with their motor skills and aims to provide them with better support.

At the beginning of the 12-week term, student's motor skills will be assessed within their usual PE lesson by a familiar adult. From this point, assessment data will be shared with the research team at FUNMOVES, and interventions will be put into place. These interventions have been designed alongside Occupational and Physio Therapists to adapt activities usually used in clinics for schools to use in PE lessons, classroom movement breaks and playtimes. We will also be sharing information on interventions that families can take part in, and how you can also track your child's progress. 12 weeks after the initial session, we will then conduct our second FUNMOVES session where students will again be assessed and, where needed, referrals to clinical services can be made. At the end of the 12-week period, you will be informed of your child's scores and what they mean.

As FUNMOVES is a research project, consent must be given for any data to be collected. Please complete the FUNMOVES consent form linked below by **Friday 4 April** to indicate that you are happy for your child to take part in this intervention. Where consent is not given, students will still participate in the lessons and activities, but no data will be shared with the FUNMOVES team, and these students will not be assessed.

Consent form - <https://forms.office.com/e/H2h0h8A3V9>

We look forward to working collaboratively with you, and the team at FUNMOVES, to better support our students with their gross motor skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss Brown
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