Envisioning a place-based pedagogy for HPE

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A Bird’s Eye View of my School

Can you list the different places at your school where you spend your day?

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What are your favourite places to play?

- Big Field
- Top red square
- At the barn
- At the handwriting court

“This photo was taken in our field called the top field. This is one of my favourites because I can run around in the area.”

(Jack, Year 4 Student)
“Contemporary notions of childhood overweight and obesity have become increasingly influential in curriculum and pedagogy...” (Wright & Welch, 2011, p. 1).
Possibility One – Broaden the View and Position of Health and Wellbeing

Possibility Two – Integrate Sustainability as a Contemporary Health Issue

Possibility Three – Expand HPE Curriculum Possibilities & Embodied Learning
“This photo was taken at the primary area it's my favourite place cause I can always go there and sit with my friends or if I am feeling sad or lonely...I always see people sitting and talking in the primary area so that is why that is my first place to go. It makes me feel happy and excited because I'm at school with all my friends and teachers.”

(Claire, Year 4 Student)
“As health promotion practitioners adapt and improve their skills and knowledge to address the new challenges posed by environmental change, a new water metaphor may be needed to give meaning to the work we do.

Like the water cycle – in constant change, renewal and harmony, and inextricably connected to life – so too the work of the health practitioner, within sustainability imperatives, will be characterised by these features.”

(Patrick, Capetola, & Noy, 2011, p. 5)

“This is at the front of the school. It is a beautiful place. I’m not allowed to play here.”

(Greg, Year 4 Student)
“This is my favourite photo because I get to water the garden.”

(Alex, Year 4 Student)
“My picture is the Friendship Garden because that is my most favourite space to play in, chat, sit and eat in. I love this place because I like how people call it the ‘friendship’ garden. Whenever I go in, I feel very calm and quiet and it’s like no one else can annoy you at all.”

(Sophia, Year 4 Student).
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