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The World's Leading Health and Fitness Programme for Children

## Top 10 Reasons Children Need Stretch-n-Grow...

For the first time in 100 years, today's children have a lower life expectancy than their parents due to obesity and sedentary lifestyles.

(World Health Organisation)

Over 20% of 2-10 yr old children are overweight, 14% of those are clinically obese.

(Health & social care information centre, April 2006)

With 20% of 2 to 5 year olds obese and a further 14% overweight should this trend continue it is forecast that 60% of adult males, 50% of adult females and 25% of children will be obese by 2050 and around 35% of adults and 30% of children will be overweight.

(Department of Health, 2006)

Many habits are formed by the time a child starts school. Be a part of instilling healthy habits in your children!



Physical activity in childhood has a range of benefits including health, growth and development, establishment and maintenance of energy balance, psychological well-being and social interaction.

(Department of Health, 2004)

It is vital that youngsters get regular physical activity to lay the foundation for good health as they grow up.

(Dr Mike Knapp, British Heart Foundation, Oct 06)

85% of children diagnosed with Type 2 (adult on-set) Diabetes are overweight.

(Diabetes Research Centre)

If children don't master fundamental motor skills by the age of 5, they may never realise their full potential to perform them. Data on physical activity among children in England found that 30% of boys and 40% of girls between 2 – 11 years were not achieving at least 60 minutes of moderate intensity of physical activity each day, the recommended minimum.

(Department of Health, 2007).

