

TEAM TALK

Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership CIC Newsletter



Welcome

Message from the team

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your staff a happy New Year (hopefully we will get there!), and to thank you for your resilience and exceptional hard work for the benefit of children and young people. Here at the partnership we do not underestimate the personal sacrifices you made on the frontline in 2020. We understand that this was not the restful Christmas you all needed and deserved, but please know that we are here to support you in any way we can. If we can remove even one barrier or make a task easier please let us know. We have made lots of our content freely available to schools, parents and carers in the hope it will help keep young people active and healthy throughout these challenging times and reduce the pressure on everyone.

Please take time to look after your own mental and physical health over the coming months. Prioritising your wellbeing has never been more important and the children and young people need you to be well. Please take great care, stay safe and I hope 2021 turns into a more positive year.

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Retrospect: A Look Back at Last Year

What a year!

We had a great start to the last academic year, but unfortunately, due to Covid-19 things slowly deteriorated. Before Covid struck, we were offering a vast array of differentiated competitions and festivals, making entry accessible and inclusive to all. As a result, we saw a record number of children and young people attending.

We also adopted the national campaign of 'Reframing Competition' and adapted our competitions to ensure they suited ALL young people, had a purpose, our intentions for the competitions were clear to schools and we designed competitions and experiences to develop children and young people. Our other services had also seen an increase in demand pre-Covid. Our slogan of "More Than Sport" is definitely becoming more evident.

We were then faced with a new way of working. This was tough, but there have definitely been some silver linings. We reacted quickly to the needs of the children and young people and sent out information, set challenges and supported schools to ensure that children stayed active at home. More children had a greater number of opportunities through our virtual offer of online events, competitions and challenges. This will definitely remain in the partnership's offer and will complement our face-to-face events when they are able to resume.



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The Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership changed its legal status in 2020 to become a Community Interest Company. This gives the company full autonomy and will also increase the opportunities to attract further funding.

The partnership team transferred over to the new

company in October 2020 and four Directors have been appointed: Claire Tennyson, Neil Young, Tim Bethell, Headteacher at Ings Farm Primary and Sandra Marsden, Headteacher at Whale Hill Primary. We would like to thank all of our partnership schools for their support over this transition period, we very much appreciate it.



PEPASS Covid guidance for schools

As National guidance came out for schools, we supported them by digesting all of the relevant guidance for PE, physical activity and school sport and disseminated this to subject leaders. We also offered one to one support for those that needed that extra peace of mind that their school was following guidance.

We also continued with our 'team teach' to support staff through their delivery of curriculum PE.

2021 Scrap Book Challenge

Keeping active & healthy at home

It became evident during the first lockdown that children and young people's activity levels were decreasing. We took on the challenge to support our schools and children with ideas to stay active at home. Amongst other resources, January saw the launch of our 2021 Scrap Book Challenge. It aims to encourage children to take part in small chunks of physical activity throughout each day, completing various challenges and recording it in their scrap book to be kept as a keep sake, reminding them of when they were in lockdown.



SUPPORT

As always we want all of the partnership schools to know we are here to help. If you or a member of staff within the school needs any support then please contact us.

We are happy to come into schools, offer virtual meetings of support and send out further resources if requested. We will be guided by you.