

TEAM TALK

Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership CIC Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to our final newsletter of this academic year, we hope that the last half term has not been too stressful with the rise in Coronavirus infections and bubble closures.

We have been extremely busy over the last half term so please forgive me that this newsletter is dated June and July. Doesn't time fly when you are having fun?

Returning to face-to-face events and delivery has been fantastic. It is great to see the fruits of our labour when we see the smiling faces on the children and young people.

This term has also been a crucial planning stage for us as a team. The School Games nationally is changing direction slightly and our Service Level Agreement always complements this work, so we have made sure we have taken the time to plan, consult with subject leaders and put together a slightly amended offer for next year. We have taken into account the ever changing landscape of School Sport, but also addressing the needs of our children and young people. Hopefully the newsletter will explain some of these changes.

Lastly, we just want to take them time to thank you all for your continued support and hard work this year. We understand this year has looked different, but we really do appreciate your support and value our relationships with you. We are looking forward to a fantastic year next year and we hope you all have a restful summer.

Take care, from all the RESSP team.

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Evolution of the School Games

www.yourschoolgames.org

It is the tenth anniversary of the School Games. Initially the games were set up for the top sporty children to compete against each other leading through a pathway of events from Intra school to Inter school, then county finals. Over the years the School Games has evolved to include elements of sporty competitions, but also included festivals and development competitions to involve a wider population of children and young people. As a partnership we have always taken the changes on board and complemented this offer with additional opportunities through our service level agreement to schools.

2021-22 is now an appropriate time for the School Games to be developed further. The nation has been in crisis and now more than ever children and young people need to be active to help with their health, both mentally and physically, develop their social skills and so much more.

Moving forward the School Games Organiser funding that we receive into the partnership will fund opportunities to make a meaningful difference linked to these five outcomes:

1. To maintain and grow school engagement in the School Games and their delivery of 60 active minutes.
2. To create positive experiences to ensure physical activity and competition provision is designed to reflect the motivation, competence and confidence of young people and has clear intent.
3. To have a clear focus on Secondary and in particular transition points.
4. To create positive experiences that support the character development of young people.
5. To advocate to key stakeholders how the School Games makes a meaningful difference to the lives of children and young people, including supporting schools to engage and educate parents.

With all of the above in mind we have planned a great programme of events and offer for your schools. We outlined this offer via the subject leaders meeting on 10th June and gave them the opportunity to shape some elements moving forward.

We hope you agree that making a meaningful difference to our children and young people using the power of sport and physical activity is something we have always strived for anyway. It links to our slogan #MoreThanSport.



RETURN OF FACE TO FACE EVENTS

It has been a long time coming, but June saw the return of central events hosted by the Partnership. We decided to stay as safe as possible, and deliver rotations of activities rather than any direct face to face competitions, particularly with the rising levels of Covid. Thank you to all of the schools that attended and for getting involved the rest of the term too. It has been great seeing the children's smiley faces being out at an event and on a school trip.



Primary PE & School Sport Premium Funding

Finally June saw the announcement of another academic years' funding for the Primary PE and School Sport Funding.

We were very disappointed with the mixed messages coming from DfE around the funding "No carry over after 31st March", then "carry over is allowed", then "no carry over after 31st August", then "carry over is allowed". Thank you for patience. We hope we have kept you informed throughout the year, but also know these mixed messages weren't helpful and we are sure some of the funding has been wasted due to a rush in spending.

Moving forward we have heard on the grapevine from those involved with advising the Government that next academic year may be the last year we see this funding in its current form. Please note this is not an official message, but we want to prepare you all for this and want to make sure the 2021-22 spend is done so as sustainably as possible.

Guidance for the 2021-22 academic year has not been announced yet. As soon as we receive anything then we will be sure to forward this on.

Please note that for this academic year schools need to report on their website by 31st July 2021. Information should include:

- The amount of Primary PE and sport premium received for this year 2020/21;
- A full breakdown of how it has been spent (or will be spent);
- What impact the school has seen on pupils' Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity, participation and attainment and how the improvements will be sustainable in the future.

Head Teachers, Subject Leaders and Governors will be able to use this simple reporting mechanism to ensure they are grant compliant in demonstrating effective use of the grant to achieve a sustainable impact.

If any schools need support to complete the reporting then please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the team.



COLOUR RUN BOOKINGS

We are taking bookings for next academic year now. Please book via info@ressp.co.uk



All About ME Clubs

Pilot

The Sports Partnership received some funding to pilot a couple of after school clubs aimed at children and young people that had been most negatively hit by Covid. The All About ME clubs were designed to run as an after school club, aimed at children that don't usually like to take part in physical activity or have struggled during the lockdown periods or need to re-engage socially by making friends.

The club aimed to encourage this target group to be active and help them to understand the reasons why they need to be active.

The clubs also teaches the children about other health related topics, such as nutrition, hydration, having enough sleep and getting enough fresh air. However, we also wanted to give the children the opportunity to talk about their feelings, being happy, feeling safe and being kind to others.

WHAT IS THE ALL ABOUT ME CLUB

IN SCHOOL	AT HOME
The sessions will have a theme based on physical activity, having a healthy body and a healthy mind, but focus on FUN! The sessions will be led by Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership team and school staff.	The home resource will be an extension of what the children are learning in the club. We would love for you to take part in the activities together, learning as a family, but also focussing on FUN! The children will be tasked with taking part in certain activities each week.

ALL ABOUT ME CLUBS

ABOUT ME

WITH

ALL ABOUT ME
This club will focus on you!

Happy

Understand my feelings

Have enough sleep

Active for 60 minutes a day

Get enough fresh air

Healthy Eating

Drink enough water

Friendships

Kind to others

Safe

Fit

The weekly club was run by a member of the SSP team alongside a member of staff from the school.

Every child received a booklet to work through at home and a bag of simple sports equipment. Each week the children were set weekly home challenges so that parents and carers were engaged too.

Watch out for your school's opportunity to take part next year with a slightly adapted roll out.

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The 2021-22 service level agreement is now in schools.

We have fully explained every service to the PE subject leaders that attended the partnership planning day on 10th June and they were consulted on the final sign off before the final version was sent to schools on Monday 14th June.

We have asked schools to sign up to the agreement as soon as they can. Thanks to those that have already replied. If anyone has any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

