

TEAM TALK

Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership CIC Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn Term 2 newsletter. The 2025/26 academic year is our 21st academic year of working in partnership with your school to increase physical activity opportunities for children and young people.

Sometimes national statistics make us realise we are swimming against the tide and children's physical activity levels don't seem to be improving. This week we were told that:

- 1 in 10 nursery pupils enter school obese.
- 2.2 million children are not even doing 30 mins of activity a day.
- ⅓ of children said they have never taken part in an extra curricular club.
- 1 in 5 children have a mental health diagnosis.

I know locally we do have reflective issues in Redcar & Eston and it's so important that we all work together to improve the opportunities for the children.

We hope you find this update useful and as always please let us know if you have any questions on anything.

Thank you for your continued support.
RESSP team.

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NEW NATIONAL PE & SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIPS

Keir Starmer announced new School Sport Partnerships as part of a government initiative to improve equal access to sports for all children. The program will create a national network of partnerships between schools and local clubs to break down barriers, particularly for girls and pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. The plan is supported by a new Enrichment Framework and aims to ensure all young people have equal access to high-quality sports and extracurricular activities.

Key features of the new initiative:

- **Partnership network:** A new national network will build partnerships between schools, local sports clubs, and National Governing Bodies of sport.
- **Breaking down barriers:** The focus will be on identifying and removing barriers that prevent less active children, especially girls and those with SEND, from participating in sports.
- **Sharing best practices:** The program will ensure that inclusive and best practices are shared and adopted across all schools in England.
- **Enrichment framework:** A new Enrichment Framework will be implemented to help guarantee equal access to high-quality extra-curricular activities for all students.
- **Transparency:** School sport and enrichment offerings will be published through new school profiles to increase transparency.



What does that mean for us in Redcar & Eston?

Nationally we are one of the few that sustained a School Sport Partnership (SSP). We were therefore interviewed by DfE, DCMS and DHSC to help them understand what a successful SSP looks like and the work they could do.

The new SSPs will receive national funding so this may mean we don't need funding from partnership schools. However we are unsure what this would look like now.

The new SSPs will be rolled out nationally in phases. We are hoping we will be selected to be part of phase one in September 2026 but we are unsure what government will do to select the pilot SSPs.

In line with this project the enrichment framework and PE premium funding is also being considered and may change.

We will keep you up to date as and when we know more.

RESSP EVENTS

AUTUMN TERM 2
NOVEMBER 2025

Click on this icon to access the event poster.
Click on this icon to access the risk assessment for that event.

Redcar & Easington School Sport Partnership

RESSP EVENTS CALENDAR 2025/26

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
03	04	05 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL (Year 5 & 6) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	06 DANCE FESTIVAL (Year 1 & 2) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	07 STAFF CPD Create & Dance Book your place on the course here
10	11 THIS BOY CAN FESTIVAL (Year 5 & 6) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	12 THIS GIRL CAN FESTIVAL (Year 5 & 6) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	13	14
17	18	19 SEND PANATHLON COMPETITION @ Redcar Leisure Centre 9:45 - 11:30	20	21
24	25	26	27 Y&6 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION @ Eston Leisure Centre 10:00 - 14:00	28
01	02	03	04	05

SSP COMPETITION
These events provide those children who have the experience, the skills and confidence the opportunity to compete.

SSP SKILLS FEST
These events focus on building confidence through further development of skills and the opportunity to put skills into practice.

SSP FUN FESTIVAL
These events provide an introduction to develop core skills, focusing on engaging children within a fun, non-pressured environment.

PATHWAY / TV FINALS
These events follow our pathway competitions.

OTHER / PARTNER EVENTS
‘Save the dates’ for other events / popular partner events / other key dates.

AUTUMN TERM 2
DECEMBER 2025

Click on this icon to access the event poster.
Click on this icon to access the risk assessment for that event.

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RESSP EVENTS CALENDAR 2025/26

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
01	02	03 CHANGELIFE FESTIVAL (Year 3 & 4) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	04 CHANGELIFE FESTIVAL (Year 3 & 4) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	05
08	09	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	01	02

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SPRING TERM 1
JANUARY 2026

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
29	30	31	01	02
05 TEES VALLEY LET'S DANCE VIRTUAL RESOURCES Released Weekly	06	07 Y&6 BASKETBALL COMPETITION @ Middletonbrough College 13:00 - 16:00	08	09
12	13	14 TEES VALLEY SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS FINAL @ Eston LC 9:30 - 12:30	15	16
19	20	21 BALANCE FESTIVAL (Reception) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	22 BALANCE FESTIVAL (Reception) @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	23
26	27	28 Y1&2 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS FESTIVAL @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	29 Y1&2 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS FESTIVAL @ Eston Leisure Centre AM or PM Sessions	30

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Thank you to everyone that has participated in the events this half term. The events calendar link is [live here](#) and planned for the whole academic year. Event Posters / Risk Assessments for Spring Term events will be added to the calendar by Friday 5th December.

Congratulations to all of the staff and children that have learnt the new Rugby format of T1. We were so impressed.

If you have any questions on any events please contact: competitions@ressp.co.uk

EARLY YEARS MOTOR SCREENING

We have been running the Early Years screening and interventions programme for over a year now and from the 450 pupils screened we have only had 4% of children across our partnership schools that can achieve the 15 out of 15 basic tests. These basic tests are what a child of 5 years of age should be able to do. From September 2026 we will no longer be able to come into school to do your screening, so it is vital that if you want to continue, you get someone qualified. We have managed to secure £100 discount off the national course and get the course local. Please take the opportunity and get a member of staff booked on.

EARLY YEARS MOTOR SCREENING
Accredited Course

association for PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Discover the Need:
alPE's course* stems from the recognition that some children enter school facing motor competency challenges. Whether it's a lack of exposure to physical activity, excessive screen time, or posture issues from extended periods in prams or car seats, we've identified the key contributors.

Prescriptive Interventions:
Following the screening, children receive targeted interventions within the school environment. This not only improves their movement skills but also positively influences self-perception and confidence, fostering greater engagement in physical activities and education.

Why Screen for Movements:
We screen for phonics and numeracy, but what about a child's ability to move effectively? Physical development is a crucial aspect, and our programme bridges this gap.

Timely Intervention:
The NHS waiting list for therapy services can be an agonising four years. We believe this is unacceptable. Our vision is to implement nationwide motor competency screening in schools, providing a diagnostic tool for early identification and intervention.

What does this course qualify me to do?
This course qualifies you to accurately assess children's motor competency using a baseline assessment tool. Furthermore, it enables you to run interventions for children to help them improve their motor competency and to help them suppress primitive reflexes which will improve coordination, balance, proprioception, agility. This will enable children to take part with greater confidence in physical education lessons and physical activity. Interventions take place within school - short 15 minute sessions throughout the week.

DETAILS:

- Mon 2nd March 2026
- Grangetown United Community Hub
TS6 7PY
- 1-3pm
- Practical Course
- £250/person
- Post Course Task - Watch a 1hr Video

REGISTER NOW!

email:
claire.tennyson@ressp.co.uk

SEND PE STAFF TRAINING

We have received funding to do a small project with three schools.

Any schools with a SEND base where the staff deliver the PE themselves. We will offer a staff twilight training session for these staff which LUSU sports will deliver (PE & SEND combined specialists). We will then also provide a bag of specialist equipment to complement your existing PE equipment.

We will return once you have implemented PE delivery to your children and organise a fun festival afternoon for those children, (a few months later). Cost to each school - £100.

If you are interested, please let us know. If we have more than three schools interested, we might ask you to say why it's important we choose your school for the pilot.

[Home - LUSU Sports Physical activities for people with disabilities](#)



PE PREMIUM REPORTING

Across autumn we have worked with all your Primary PE Subject Leaders to understand the PE Premium funding requirements and conditions. We have sent out the national templates that need completing and we are currently supporting any schools that need support to start to develop their action plan. We have also created an example plan to help with this process.

Ideally your action plans should be **uploaded to your school website** by the end of this term.

You should still also have information on last academic year, including:

- Your aims for funding.
- A breakdown on your spend.
- The impact it made in your school.
- Swimming Data for 2025 Summer Year 6 leavers.



PE CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The high level outcome of the review showed that time for physical education has been squeezed. With the following key issues:

- Status and value of subject.
- Lack of clarity and purpose in PE.
- Assessment and Accountability.

The recommendations following the review are:

- **The Government expects that all early years settings and schools provide at least 2 hours of physical education for every child, every week, every year.**
- Revisiting the aims of compulsory PE across all four key stages
- Clear purpose for pupils so schools recognise the need to protect two hours of PE time for all pupils throughout their time at school.
- Swimming, dance and outdoor and adventurous activities are presented to ensure they support quality teaching and progression.
- Review the PE GCSE subject content - including for pupils with disabilities.
- Adding further detail to content on dance within PE, and included within the remit of new PE and School Sports Partnerships to build capability and confidence in the teaching of dance.

The next steps is to appoint a team of drafters to write the National Curriculum. This will include the following aims:

- To develop movement competence and confidence across a broad spectrum of activity contexts
- To evaluate and appreciate achievement and progression of movement skills, concepts and strategies
- To develop personal and attributes and essential, transferrable life skills through purposeful, challenging and enjoyable physical activity
- To adopt a lifelong and life-wide habit of being active.

This will be done through four domains: 1. Physical, 2. Cognitive, 3. Affective and 4. Social.

Contexts for Learning (topis areas) will include:

- Athletic activities
- Dance
- Games (Target/Net wall/Striking fielding/Invasion)
- Gymnastics
- Swimming and water safety
- Outdoor and Adventurous



WELL SCHOOLS

Well Schools is a national movement of over 2,000 schools and trusts taking positive action to improve education outcomes by supporting health and happiness of their staff and pupils across the UK. I talked about it in our last PE Subject Leader meeting.

We have now created a group which has automatically sent an email to every PE Subject Leader in the partnership. The email asks you to approve being part of our group and then you can complete the Well Check for your school for FREE.

It is advised for a PE Subject Leader not to complete the check on their own. This is a whole school check and senior leaders should be involved.

If you would like further information before completing the check, go to: [Well Schools - Youth Sport Trust](#)

If you need any help then please get in touch.

Note: Schools that have done well in their check can then pay to be an accredited Well School. Please speak to me before you do this and I can advise if you are at the standard of achieving the accreditation before you spend any money. Accreditation is not a requirement. The Well Check is enough to get you started to prove you take wellbeing of staff and children seriously in school and an action plan is generated from it. I know a lot of you are doing really great things in this area already so it would be great to complete the check as your evidence.



Education's challenge

“ More children and young people (14.3%) were unhappy with school than with any of the nine other aspects of life they were asked about.

The Good Childhood Report 2024



The reality...

66%

of parents mentioned pupil wellbeing as a factor when choosing a secondary school - the most mentioned factor in school choice

73%

of parents agree pupil wellbeing is likely to be better in schools which prioritise PE, physical activity and school sport

28%

of parents believe their child's school needs to do more to support wellbeing

75%

of parents and 69% of MPs say we need to measure young people's wellbeing if we are going to improve it

The impact of physical activity at school on wellbeing is almost double for children with SEND or receiving free school meals



Improving Outcomes

“ Healthy, happy children coming to school ready to learn – if we get this right, those children will achieve time and again.

“ Because exam results are only achieved when children's wellbeing is prized too.

*Bridget Phillipson MP
Confederation of School Trusts Conference 2024*



ENRICHMENT FRAMEWORK

Schools are to be judged on new enrichment benchmarks, the government has announced.

The Department for Education will publish a new set of enrichment benchmarks for schools across five categories: civic engagement, arts and culture, nature, outdoor and adventure, sport and physical activities and developing wider life skills.

Ofsted will consider whether schools are meeting the expectations as part of its inspections, with information made available to parents through new school profiles.

The DfE said the new benchmarks will ask schools to “ensure every child has access to activities across the five categories of enrichment”.

Pupils who participate in enrichment activities have a higher probability of progressing to higher education and being in employment, the Education Policy Institute has previously found.



HEAD TEACHER BREAKFAST BRIEFING

The Sports Partnership along with their key partners realise that most of their communication is with your PE Subject Leaders and most decision making in school sits within the Senior Leadership Teams in your school. We have therefore decided to hold a Head Teacher breakfast meeting to cover the new Active Schools Framework and other key headlines relevant to your schools. Details have already been sent out to Head Teachers. If you haven't booked a place for your school then please use the [booking link](#).



BOOKINGS OPEN

**TEES VALLEY ACTIVE SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
HEADTEACHER BRIEFING**

Over the last three years we have piloted a whole school framework to embed physical activity into a school day. Many schools across Tees Valley have seen a massive impact on their children. Including: Attainment, Behaviour, Concentration, Enjoyment and Engagement.
We would now like to open the invitation to more schools to take part. This is absolutely **FREE** to be involved and attend the briefing. Come along and find out more.

27 | **JANUARY 2026**
Riverside Stadium
Middlesbrough
8am - 9:30am

FREE Bookings can be made via:
[Booking Form](#)

We will also cover any National updates relevant to schools




Date: 27th January 2026

Time: 8am - 9:30am

Venue: Riverside Stadium,
Middlesbrough

Cost: FREE



Balance Bike fun!



Beach Day



Parachute Games



Team Work



Smiling Faces :)