



PE and School Sport in BSF



About Building Schools for the Future and Partnerships for Schools

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is the largest strategic capital investment programme for schools in over 50 years and the most ambitious scheme of its kind in the world. It will see every single state secondary school in England rebuilt or renewed over the next 15 – 20 years, creating schools truly fit for the 21st century.

BSF is much more than simply a buildings programme. It is a huge commitment that will help deliver the Every Child Matters agenda, elements of the Children's Plan, and provides an opportunity to transform education by delivering schools that our young people, our teachers and our local communities deserve.

Beyond bricks and mortar, the exciting opportunity that we have through BSF is to transform education for millions of young people, providing environments and facilities that will help every single one of them unlock the talents that they have, regardless of their background.

Partnerships for Schools (Pfs) is the joint venture company that was set up in 2004 to deliver the BSF programme. Since March 2006, we have also taken on responsibility for delivering the Academies programme, integrating delivery into BSF where possible.

PE and Sport in BSF

Partnerships for Schools, together with the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England have jointly recognised the value that PE and Sport can add to the programme at a time when there are record levels of Government and public interest and investment in PE and Sport.

The national PE, School Sport and Club Links (PESSCL) strategy, has received significant investment, and the focus in this area of work has been further enhanced by the successful London Olympics 2012 bid; and the ongoing concerns over the health of the nation – which is seen as critical, and has raised both the recognition of the role of PE and community sport and its importance in terms of access to provision.

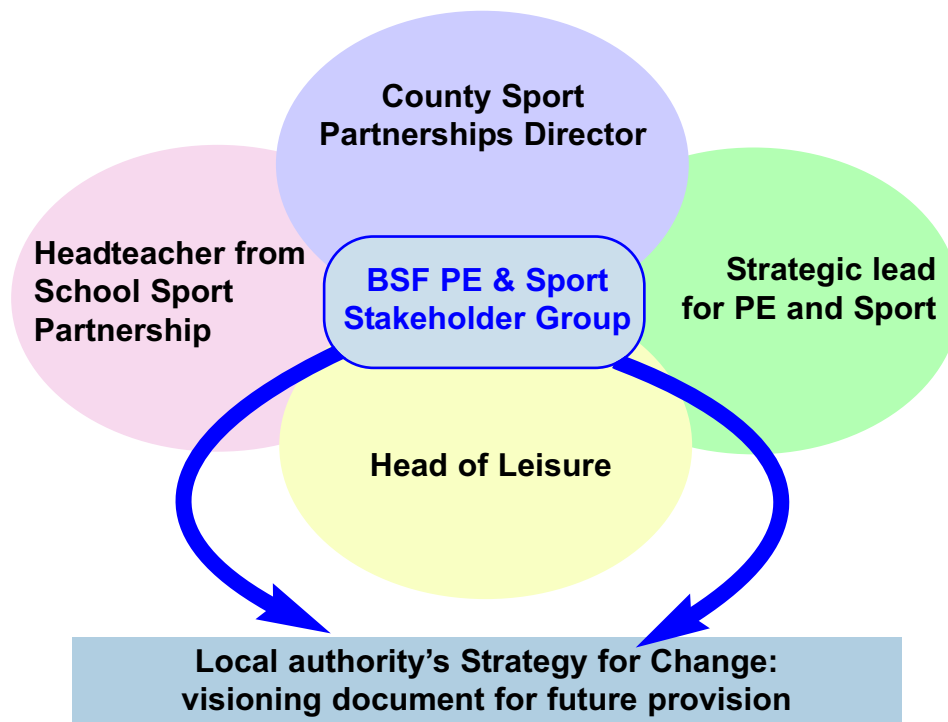
PfS, the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England have appointed two specialist advisers with a remit to work strategically with PfS Project Directors and across the sector. The aim of BSF is to ensure that all new facilities built, remodelled or refurbished facilitate the transformation of teaching and learning. There is also a requirement to ensure provision for significant community access based on identified local need, and where appropriate, the development of centres of excellence. The focus of the adviser posts (hosted by PfS) is to carry out the advocacy role for PE and Sport within BSF, at a national level; to ensure that the potential for PE and Sport within BSF is maximised through a coherent and co-ordinated approach.

One of the first areas of work and formal documents required from local authorities (LAs) is the Strategy for Change (SfC), which is designed to capture both the LA's strategy for secondary education / community access and the requirements that the strategy places upon the physical school estate.

The Strategy for Change has to be developed by the LA in collaboration with all local secondary schools and other key stakeholders; undertaking wide, inclusive consultation – this includes targeted meetings, roadshows, exhibitions, stakeholder groups linked to the project board and working groups looking at specific issues. The SfC will identify the needs and opportunities across the whole area; and address both estate (facility) requirements and ICT needs.

The development of the Specialist Sports Colleges, School Sport Partnerships, and PESSCL Strategic Groups, (which collectively provide a voice for PE and school sport), together with the County Sport Partnerships and Community Sport Networks, (providing strategic co-ordination and planning for sport in their geographical area), means that we have the infrastructure in place to input and influence the LAs' strategy and vision. This will be achieved through the development of a focused BSF PE and Sport Stakeholder Group in each LA, with four key representatives: who will provide the direct liaison and contact between the LA Project Board and the sporting networks identified above.





Case study: Bristol

Bristol City Council was the first local authority in BSF to announce their preferred bidder and in July 2006 formed the first-ever Local Education Partnership (LEP) with Skanska. The first BSF school to open, Bristol Brunel Academy, opened its doors in September 2007.

The strategic provision of sports facilities in south and east Bristol is based on the development of school facilities for community use. This will complement City Council leisure facilities and build upon the PE School Sport and Club Links Programme.

Bristol City Council has invested directly in the capital build at Bristol Brunel Academy and will provide revenue support for dual-use provision to increase community access and participation.

All four schools in Wave 1 of Bristol's BSF programme will facilities that fill the gaps in community access to sport and leisure provision that were identified in the Bristol Sports Facility Strategy.

School Sport Co-ordinators on all four sites will play a role in promoting community use after school hours.

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