



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. It will see state secondary schools across England rebuilt or renewed over the next 15 – 20 years.

By the time all local authorities and schools have been through the programme, the face of education will be transformed for some 3.3 million students aged 11-19 every year.

Partnerships for Schools (Pfs) was established in 2004 by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and Partnerships UK to deliver the BSF programme. In March 2006, Pfs also took on responsibility for delivering the Academies programme, which will see 400 Academies built across the country.

The key role for Pfs is to ensure that investment in secondary schools is based on robust educational strategies and that BSF schools and Academies are well designed, are built on time at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer, and are properly maintained over their lifetime.

Pfs helps to build strong Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), enabling the public sector to benefit from the best skills and expertise available in the private sector and reaping greater efficiencies and economies of scale.

From October 2008, Pfs also assumed responsibility for the management and delivery of all school building and refurbishment programmes. These

programmes include:

- Primary Capital Programme:
- Devolved Formula Capital Funding.
- Local authority devolved funding:
- Targeted Capital Programmes:

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Pfs, together with the Youth Sport Trust (YST) and Sport England have recognised the value that PE and Sport can add to the programme. The national PESSYP (Physical Education and Sport Strategy for Young People), has received significant investment. The focus of this 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 YST and Sport England have appointed three specialist advisers 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, and ensure provision for community access based on identified local need, and where appropriate, the development of centres of excellence. The adviser posts (hosted by Pfs) 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 is the Strategy for Change (SfC), which is designed to capture both the local authority's strategy for secondary education / community access and the requirements that the strategy places upon the physical school estate.

The SfC has to be developed by the local authority 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 PESSYP 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 the infrastructure is in place to input and influence the local authorities' strategy and vision. This will be achieved through the development of a focused BSF PE and Sport Stakeholder Group in each local authority, with four key representatives: who will provide the direct liaison and contact between the local authority Project Board and the sporting networks identified above.





PE & Sport Stakeholder Group



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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