

Newsletter - Issue #2

Firstly, we hope you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and well during this difficult period. This has been no ordinary term, but we are extremely grateful for the energy with which you have embraced the virtual opportunities we have been promoting and particularly our #DANCEUNITE programme featured in this newsletter. We hope that over the next half term we can work together to shape an inspiring, accessible and meaningful offer for young people both in school and at home.

As always, we remain committed to providing you with high quality support opportunities, which is why we are pleased to bring you Issue #2 of our PE & School Sport Newsletter. This bi-weekly series aims to consolidate all of the key updates/information you require in relation to both our service and the wider PE & School Sport landscape. We would love to work with schools to shape the content of these publications and so should you wish to see a particular topic covered in our next newsletter then please don't hesitate to contact us...

[Contact Us](#)



As we move into the final half term of the academic year, there still remains much uncertainty around the phased re-opening of schools and the subsequent measures that will need to be enforced to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

Owing to this our delivery programme (as per our calendar of events) will NOT be taking place as planned. However, please be assured that we are looking to implement a contingency programme of alternative provision to support your staff and pupils at a time when wellbeing is more imperative than ever!

Further details on our contingency programme will be made available in Newsletter #3 after half term.



Owing to the current situation and the continued uncertainty we are exploring ways to develop our service whilst ensuring we can adhere to prescribed social distancing guidelines and associated health and safety measures.

As part of this we are exploring the concept of virtual coaching sessions with the intention of conducting a FREE pilot programme during next half term.

If you would like your school to be considered for this FREE pilot opportunity, please click on the link below to register your interest. Slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

[Register expression of interest](#)



Thank you to everyone who engaged with our very first virtual activity, #DANCEUNITE.

There were over 6,500 of you that watched the #DANCEUNITE videos on YouTube. The live dress rehearsal on Facebook reached 2,000 of you with schools, teachers, parents and children all watching live. Over 60% of you, our primary and secondary schools engaged in some way!

If you didn't take part then it's not too late! All of the campaign videos and resources can be accessed via our Youtube channel so please do use them within school and feel free to share with your pupils and their families...

[#DANCEUNITE Youtube Resources](#)

Some of the #DANCEUNITE highlights can be accessed via the link below...

[#DANCEUNITE Highlights](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

DO YOU WANT TO PERFORM WITH CHANNY ON STAGE AT THE SAGE?

This is an AMAZING opportunity and if you want to #BePartOfIt you need to follow these steps:

HAVE FUN taking part in the #DANCEUNITE videos

VIDEO your final #DANCEUNITE performance (Individual / School / Group - Up to you!)

TAG US @GatesheadSSP in your video on Twitter / Instagram OR

Privately MESSAGE us your video to our Gateshead School Sport Partnership Facebook Page

HASHTAG - Remember to use #danceatthesage in your post/message to us

DEADLINE - 5pm FRIDAY 22nd MAY

*If your school does not utilise social media but would like pupils to be considered for this opportunity please share videos by emailing us (SSPEventEnquiries@Gateshead.Gov.UK) a link to the content on your school website. PLEASE ENSURE ALL NECESSARY PERMISSIONS are in place!



Owing to the success of the recent #DANCEUNITE campaign we are branding our contingency programme under the banner of #UNITE. The #UNITE campaign will consist of some virtual events/activities as well as incorporating elements of Blazing the Trail into an updated cultural offer. Specific campaign details will be announced after half term...



The Gateshead SSP service remains available for purchase via the Services for Schools North East (SfSNE) platform for academic year 2020/21 and thank you to those schools that have recently affiliated.

The SfSNE portal will remain open until the end of this month (31.05.20). Any schools yet to affiliate have already been contacted directly, but should you require any further information or support with the affiliation process then please don't hesitate to contact us...

[SLA Enquiry - Contact Us](#)

The Primary and Secondary SLA documents have also been made available for download below:

[Primary SLA](#)

[Secondary SLA](#)



All GSSP team members remain available to deal with any wider queries you may have or provide any additional support. Dedicated conference call time can be reserved with team members to afford you an opportunity to discuss any pertinent matters in a one to one scenario.

In order to book a call, please e-mail via the link below providing a basic outline of your query.

[Email support request](#)

As a Partnership we would very much like our future newsletters to be shaped 'by schools, for schools'. For that reason, we would urge you to contact us via the link below with any specific areas you would like to be detailed in our next publication.

[Email newsletter content request](#)



The Gateshead School Sports Partnership website is full of activities for children to do at home or at school. All resources and activities can be found in the 'Activities For All' section which is updated daily. Don't forget to follow our Twitter/Instagram and like our Facebook page @gatesheadssp for daily promotions, updates, challenges and competitions for everyone to get involved! Links can be found within the footer.



Tyne & Wear County Finals

Following the cancellation of all Tyne & Wear County School Games Finals (Level 3 Competitions), the Tyne & Wear PE & School Sport Alliance has announced that they will be devising a 'Virtual County Event' in which all schools are invited to participate. Although still in the planning phase, this event has been scheduled for Friday 19th June 2020 and will include activities suitable for all ages and will focus on 'personal challenge'. Further detail will be communicated in our next newsletter.

Inclusive Health Check

Thank you to those schools that have now completed their Inclusive Health Check following our last communication. As stated, engaging with this tool and completing the Health Check is still considered to be good practice, irrespective of the situation with School Games Mark. As such, we would encourage all schools to complete this on the School Games website and a short tutorial video is available to view below.

[View Inclusive Health Check Tutorial](#)

PE & Sport Premium

FUNDING: At the time of writing we have no further information regarding the PE & Sport Premium for next academic year (2020-21). Our national partners at the Youth Sport Trust have been in contact with the Department for Education (DfE) regarding this, however they have understandably stated that Government capacity is currently being concentrated in other areas. As/when any information regarding this funding stream is made available, we will inform you all via special news bulletin e-mail. All official updates will be posted directly on the Government website (links below).

REPORTING: In the absence of definitive guidance, we would suggest schools adhere to the online report publication deadline of 31st July 2020. Remember, all schools are required to publish the following details on their school website by this date:

- the amount of premium received
- a full breakdown of how it has been spent
- the impact the school has seen on pupils' PE, physical activity, and sport participation and attainment
- how the improvements will be sustainable in the future

At this stage, we would advise reporting on activity/spend that has taken place pre school closures and the associated spend. We currently recommend utilising the Association for Physical Education endorsed reporting template which can be found [HERE](#).

[Government - PE & Sport Premium Page](#)

[AfPE PE & Sport Premium Reporting Template](#)