

## Newsletter - Issue #1

We hope that you are keeping safe and well in what continues to be an extremely difficult and unusual period. We recognise the demands on our schools and staff at this time and have therefore limited our communications in recent weeks. We do however remain committed to providing high quality support opportunities, accepting that we must adapt to new ways of working. This newsletter represents the first step in our adapted approach with the aim of reducing unnecessary correspondence, providing key service updates in one place for you to access as and when it is convenient to do so. Wishing you, your families and colleagues good health.



Today marks the launch of our first virtual event; '#DANCEUNITE'. We've worked with a number of our partners to design and develop a virtual mass dance activity which will be shared across all of our social media platforms. This will consist of a range of dance tutorials for people to learn over the course of w/c 11th May with the ask that they perform the full routine on the afternoon of Friday 15th May. We're asking everyone to get involved; staff, pupils, parents, friends, EVERYONE.

Click below for a 'sneak peek' of the official launch video which will be shared formally tomorrow via all of our social media platforms...



All aspects of the Gateshead School Sport Partnership Core & Premium services are currently suspended until Friday 22nd May 2020. This will be reviewed towards the end of the current period of lock-down in line with Government policy at that time. We hope to be in a position to provide more details as of Monday 11th May.



Owing to the current situation we are abandoning specific application windows for this award. This means that schools can apply at any time for a HQPEPASS Mark throughout the Summer term.

This award is unique in that it is designed to recognise and reward the quality of your PEPASS provision. It is based on a process of rigorous self-evaluation, followed by action planning and regular review to identify impact, which is a key strength of the award.

[Read More](#)



Following school closures please note that we are currently in the process of reviewing & adapting this year's Blazing the Trail projects. The projects will be re-designed to allow children to get involved at home or at school, for which the 7 value marks can still be achieved! Please keep an eye on our social media platforms and watch this space for the new projects launching soon!



As you should now be aware, we have consolidated our Core and Premium SLAs into one service offering Foundation and Enhanced services. The service remains available for purchase via the Services for Schools North East platform for academic year 2020/21 and further detail can be viewed on our website:

[Primary SLA](#)

[Secondary SLA](#)



We understand that schools may have many questions regarding their future school swimming provision. We have consulted with Gateshead Council and at this stage we are unfortunately unable to provide any definitive guidance.

When schools re-open, we do not yet know if swimming pools will also be in a position to open and if so, what social distancing measures may have to be considered. It is therefore highly likely that school swimming will not resume until at least September 2020.

No booking arrangements will be made until the situation becomes clearer, however the default position of Gateshead Council will be that bookings should remain the same as the current academic year. Gateshead Council's Aquatics Officer will be investigating all 'top up swimming' options for those pupils that have unfortunately missed a large proportion of their planned swimming lessons. Further detail will be provided as/when it is available and thank you for your patience.



All GSSP team members remain available to deal with any wider queries you may have or provide any additional support required.

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 consultation date/time, please e-mail via the link below providing a basic outline of your query. This will allow us to allocate a team member best placed to provide the support you require.

[Email support request](#)

## SCHOOL GAMES UPDATE

### Tyne & Wear County Finals

In light of the ongoing situation, The Tyne & Wear PE & School Sport Alliance has made the decision to cancel all Tyne & Wear County School Games Finals (Level 3 events) due to take place during this (2019/20) academic year.

### School Games Mark

Following a consultation with School Games Organisers, Head Teachers and a sample group of PE Co-ordinators, the Youth Sport Trust have made the decision to pause the 2020 School Games Mark. As a result, schools will retain their 2019 School Games Mark Award and normal service will be resumed for the 2020/21 academic year. We recognise that this news will be disappointing for many schools and as such, the Youth Sport Trust are working to develop a Badge/Certificate that we at Gateshead SSP will be asked to present to schools in recognition of their engagement in our virtual programmes taking place throughout the remainder of the Spring and Summer Terms.

### Inclusive Health Check

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, as 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](#)

## Gateshead Schools Health & Wellbeing Service

As you may be aware, the Gateshead School Sport Partnership co-ordinate and deliver this service for Gateshead schools and young people.

2019-20 has been another positive year for the Gateshead Schools Health & Wellbeing Service with many new initiatives and support opportunities provided.

Click on the links to view our 2019/20 mid-term report or email us directly if you'd like to find out more about affiliating for 2020/21.

57% of Gateshead Primary Schools affiliated in 2019/20. A 6% increase from 2018/19.

Supporting the development of high quality school health and wellbeing provision for approx. **7,000 Children**

**18** Schools engaged with the Gateshead Schools Health & Wellbeing Award Framework  
4 x Focusing, 5 x Bronze & 2 x Silver Awards

**62** Staff Places

Accessed on service specific professional development and networking opportunities: Mental Health & Well-being, PSHE, RSE, award Drop-in sessions etc.

Learn how to embed PSHE into the wider curriculum and how to embed PSHE and how to effectively assess it.

A well delivered training course with a lot of useful information including the wellbeing of yourself and your children. Strategies used to help children dealing with issues in their mind.

[Read More](#)

[Email affiliation enquiry](#)

## Website & Social Media

The Gateshead School Sports Partnership website is full of activities for children to do at home. All resources and activities can be found in the 'Activities For All' section which is updated daily.

Within this page you will find Sport Specific, Health & Wellbeing and KS3/KS4 Resources. You will also find our very own SSP Resource Pack, which contains activities specially selected by our team.

Although the majority of resources are based on physical activity, there are some great craft and design-based activities to keep everyone busy such as Scouts - 'The Great Indoors'. You can also find weekly inclusive activities from Access Sport for children of all abilities.

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!

Request username and password for GSSP website

View Activities for All Resources