

Opening School Facilities in Derbyshire 2021



Schools with sports facilities can provide an excellent place for children and young people, and the local community, to engage in sport and physical opportunities.

These opportunities can enable many more young people to lead active lives and that's why over the last few months we have been utilising Sport England's OSF fund across those Schools in Derbyshire who needed it most.

This money has enabled each of them to open their school's facilities in the evenings, weekends, or during the school holidays.

The schools approached were predominantly secondary schools, with a higher than national average percentage of young people in receipt of free school meals.

The funding they received totalled £175,000 and was used to provide coaching, buy new sports equipment, and improve facilities.

Funding has been awarded for portable floodlights, to increase access for pupils with SEND, to employ specialist coaches, to increase understanding and education.



The schools have delivered sessions working alongside local sports teams and sports providers, as well as running extra-curricular activities led by school staff. It is hoped that these changes and new partnerships will provide the right opportunities longer term for children and young people in Derbyshire.



KEY FACTS

23 schools across Derbyshire benefited from the Opening School Facilities funding

Approx 2500 pupils benefited from funded activities across Derbyshire

The schools received an average of £6,928 in funding

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On average three activities per school were funded



51% of students were KS3
41% of students were KS4



There were 25 activity types funded ranging from athletics to parkour, the 3 most popular were boxing, table tennis and basketball



72% of the schools received funding for extra curricular coaching

23% of the schools received funding for storage solutions

92% of the schools

received funding for equipment

45% of activities took place in a sports hall

This funding opportunity was launched during the Covid-19 pandemic, at a time when children and young people needed it most.