

22 February 2016

Dear SGO Host,

**SGO funding**

Sport England is writing on behalf of the School Games National Partners (the Departments for Education, Culture Media and Sport and Health, Sport England, and the Youth Sport Trust). We are delighted to be able to confirm that funding will be provided for the remaining period of the existing School Games Organiser awards (April – August 2016) and that that funding is also in place to continue the SGO roles through to the end of this parliament and the next spending review.

This will be based on the existing model of three days per week, with funding at the same level (£23,800 per year per SGO). Current awards finish at the end of August 2016, therefore we will be writing to current hosts in the coming months to confirm arrangements and provide new award documentation. Thank you for your patience in awaiting this confirmation and further Government commitment to your work.

Thank you also for your ongoing support of the School Games; continued funding is a reflection of the value placed on the work of the SGOs by us all and in particular the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Health.

**School Games Review**

As referenced in 'Sporting Future: A New Strategy for an Active Nation', Sport England has commenced a review of the School Games with the support of the Youth Sport Trust. The review will be forward focussed, considering the future priorities of the Games in the context of the aims and objectives of the new Government's sport strategy.

The basis of the consultation phase, which will include focus group work, will be the extensive responses provided to DCMS through their sport strategy consultation. A task and finish group will be reporting back to Government departments at the end of this summer with a view to start to implement any changes from the 2016/17 academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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