



Think Active – School Closure Support

We appreciate that not only are you dealing with your own personal circumstances, but you will, no doubt, be dealing with the bigger picture and issues facing your respective schools, consortia's and directorates.

We can help. Please communicate the following information, resources and offer of support to your schools:

Think Active will advocate and promote the national Join the Movement campaign #StayInWorkOut. We will keep the Think Active website up to date and use the Think Active social media channels to signpost people to it. As part of this we are working with the School Games Organisers across CSW to ensure a consistent offer for children and young people.

The weblink is as follows: <http://www.thinkactive.org/wethinkactive/#covid>

You can like and follow Think Active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @ThinkActiveCSW

School GameZ A-Z. School Games Organisers (SGO's) have been working hard to create content that is versatile and beneficial to children and young people of all ages. Over 26 working days the CSW SGO's will be bringing you challenges linked to the School Games. There are pdf's to print/share with pupils within school and also with parents via school systems. These contain challenges and links to videos. Look out for this logo!



You can access the documents here <http://www.thinkactive.org/wethinkactive/kids-active-learning/a-z-challenge/>



Please re-tweet/share/send to parents/add to school platforms using #StayInWorkOut #StayHomeGetActive @YourSchoolGames @CWSchoolSport.

School Games 19-2020. A collective decision has been made to **cancel** all future School Games events at both inter and County level until the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. As a result, School Games Organisers will be following the School GameZ A-Z resources with a virtual competition.

Virtual School Games Challenge. Starting 11th May



A Virtual countywide competition will be open to ALL children and young people. Events will be Athletics, Cricket, Tennis and Dance, all designed so that they can be done in a small space with minimal equipment. Young people can take part as individuals and submit their scores via a very simple form. Results will be collated centrally and communicated back to schools. (Entrants will have to be honest - a great way to show one of the School Games values). All participants will hopefully receive an automatic E-certificate. Dance will involve the uploading of a video - we are currently looking for the best platform for this. More detail to follow shortly.

 **Online Support for PE and Sport Premium.** As the Active Partnership for Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire; Think Active are commissioned by Sport England to conduct the PE and School Sport Premium website reviews during the summer term. We anticipate this still going ahead in August 2020. The new Ofsted Common Inspection Framework is focusing on PE as a foundation subject during their 'Deep Dive' process, with the PE and School Sport Premium being discussed in depth.

If you would like to receive any support to strengthen your use of the PE and School Sport Premium, please don't hesitate to get in contact with Jim Morris who is working with us as a PE Advisor to support schools in using the PE and School Sport Premium. Jim can provide impartial advice including up-to-date information on spend during school closures and the impact on things such as cancelled swimming scheduled for the summer term. Please note Jim is only available until 1st May 2020. jim.morris@youthsporttrust.org

If you would like support following this date, please contact Hannah Milde at Think Active. DfE are putting together a FAQ for schools which they hope to release shortly.

 **Active Lives update.** The survey fieldwork has now ceased for the spring term. This will result in some schools which had intended to take part during spring term being prevented from completing the survey. We ask you to let us know which spring term schools would like to try to complete during the summer term.

Sport England are still looking at options for data collection during the Summer term. They are reviewing the feasibility of adapting the survey for home completion during the period of school closures. We will be in touch once we know more.

 **School Games Mark.** Taken from official communication from YST received 23.4.2020
The 2019 academic year saw the School Games Mark Award reach over 10,000 Schools, an achievement you should all be hugely proud of. With the 2020 School Games Mark window due to open in less than two weeks, the team at the Youth Sport Trust working closely with Sport England, has consulted with a range of stakeholders on the approach to take in light of COVID-19, school closures and social distancing measures. The overriding feedback from Head Teachers was that the priority for staff during the summer term was to cater for the immediate needs of students while also preparing for school returning to a new normal.

With all of this information in mind, the decision has been made to pause the 2020 School Games Mark; as a result, schools will retain their 2019 School Games Mark Award. Schools that would have been eligible for platinum this year will continue to be eligible in 2021

 **CSW KS1 PESSPA Quality Mark.** We had hoped to launch the first KS1 PESSPA Quality Mark Award to coincide with the School Games Mark to recognise the great work going on in KS1. We have decided to postpone this until 2021 but we know many schools are working on their planning for next year so please take note of this opportunity for next academic year.

Please do get in touch if we can support with any of the above. Stay safe, Hannah
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