

BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2020 when all our School Games were cancelled due to Covid-19 we filled the void of inter school competition with our Virtual School Games weekly events. Initially the events were home based challenges, but as schools returned the resources began to be used by teachers to support both PE lessons and activity sessions. We had such a positive response from the schools involved, including how the events:

- **engaged pupils not usually involved in inter competition**
- **provided an easy resource for class teachers to deliver competitive opportunities within their PE lessons**
- **enabled schools to reward a range of pupils, use for house points and intra school competitions**
- **provided pupils with the opportunity to work on their resilience, independence, and personal best**

In light of the updated government guidance for Autumn Term whole school return, the concern for the well-being and health of young people and the positive feedback from schools, **we will be continuing to deliver our virtual events**, albeit in an amended format to alleviate some burden on teacher workload.

To support Covid-19 recovery.

In addition to these competitions, we are also planning half termly challenges to engage pupils in skipping and/or our Enduro (fitness) challenges to support the recovery of young people's fitness levels. Fun activities that will allow teachers to challenge & monitor the improvement of pupil's fitness levels over the whole academic year.

As with all current delivery, it is still a work in progress, as we digest the guidance, and look at the opportunities available but we wanted to provide an initial outline to enable you to plan ahead as much as possible.

OVERVIEW

Feedback from schools showed that some schools were supportive of the continuation of weekly events, whilst others wanted more time to deliver each event across different age groups, allowing scope to deliver to all bubbles, use of space and cleaning of equipment etc. As a compromise we are planning each event to have a 3-week window of opportunity to take part. A school then has the flexibility to deliver the event when it best suits their own planning and school environment.

e.g. a school could decide to deliver the event in one week or across 2 weeks or across all 3 weeks or even just deliver it in a couple of days.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- We will provide resources to schools
 - o Activity Card
 - o Task Guidance
 - o Challenge Videos
 - o School Scoresheet
- Schools deliver the challenges and submit their scores
- Local School Games Organiser Awards are given based on participation levels and scores
- Berkshire county winners are then awarded based on the same submitted scores.



HOW WOULD A SCHOOL DELIVER AN EVENT?

Schools have the flexibility to opt in and out of the events as they wish.

Schools can enter as many, or as few, age groups they wish, and this can change for each event. We hope schools will try to engage as many pupils as possible as this has been one of the main positive outcomes of the summer term delivery..

Schools can deliver flexibly i.e. as part of their PE lessons; lunchtime activities; after clubs; house event; intra class competitions; home learning; breakfast clubs or any other method they wish.

·Delivery can be led by teachers; teaching assistants; lunchtime supervisors; sports/young leaders or as independent tasks as the school deems appropriate.

SCORING

We recognise that the challenges and the scoring process are open to misinterpretation and cheating. However, we are sure that those who take part will be doing so under the **Spirit of the Games** and teachers will ensure scores they submit are deemed suitably representative of the activity and pupil. **The emphasis is on participation not winning!**

We are currently reviewing the scoring system to try and alleviate some of the burden on teachers and ensure all schools can be rewarded fairly, whatever their size. There will be no set team sizes to encourage whole class participation and reward. There will be no gathering of evidence to support scores.

CALENDAR

DATE	7/9	14/9	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10	26/10	2/11	9/11	16/11	23/11	30/11	7/12	14/12
KS 1		EVENT 1			EVENT 2				EVENT 3			EVENT 4			
KS 2		EVENT 1			EVENT 2				EVENT 3			EVENT 5			
											EVENT 4*				
KS 3 Yr 7		EVENT 1			EVENT 2				EVENT 3			EVENT 5			
											EVENT 4*				
Half Termly Challenge- all ages	SKIPPING								ENDURO						

*You will note at KS2 & 3 there is an overlap of an 'event'. We are not expecting schools to run 2 events at the same time (though they can if they wish) but rather than reduce the flexibility or number of events, schools that wish to take part in all three can plan to deliver the 3 'events' across that six week period.

e.g. deliver 1 every 2 weeks or deliver one over 3 weeks and the other 2 over 1 week etc.

Event titles will be announced later but for school planning purposes we are providing a theme for the type of event we will be delivering.

KEY STAGE ONE			
Four events across the term for YR 1/2			
EVENT	THEME	START DATE	DEADLINE FOR ENTRY
1	KS1 AGILITY, BALANCE & COORDINATION	14.09.20	2.10.20
2	KS1 AGILITY, BALANCE & COORDINATION	5.10.20	23.10.20
3	KS1 AGILITY, BALANCE & COORDINATION	2.11.20	20.11.20
4	KS1 AGILITY, BALANCE & COORDINATION	23.11.20	11.12.20

Scores can be submitted at any point before the deadline given.

KEY STAGE TWO			
Five events across the term for Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6			
EVENT	THEME	START DATE	DEADLINE FOR ENTRY
1	INVASION	14.09.20	2.10.20
2	NET/WALL	5.10.20	23.10.20
3	INVASION	2.11.20	20.11.20
4	TARGET	16.11.20	4.12.20
5	SPORTSHALL	23.11.20	11.12.20

Scores can be submitted at any point before the deadline given.

KEY STAGE THREE			
Five events across the term for Yr 7			
EVENT	THEME	START DATE	DEADLINE FOR ENTRY
1	INVASION	14.09.20	2.10.20
2	NET/WALL	5.10.20	23.10.20
3	INVASION	2.11.20	20.11.20
4	TARGET	16.11.20	4.12.20
5	SPORTSHALL	23.11.20	11.12.20

Scores can be submitted at any point before the deadline given

PLUS - Personal Best Challenge to support Covid-19 Recovery of Fitness.

Half Termly Challenge			
Personal Best Challenge to support Covid- 19 Recovery of Fitness			
EVENT	THEME	AUTUMN START DATE	AUTUMN DEADLINE FOR ENTRY
Autumn, Spring & Summer 1	Skipping	7.09.20	23.10.20
Autumn, Spring & Summer 2	Enduro Challenge	2.11.20	14.12.20

If you are interested in taking part in the Autumn Series of the Berkshire Virtual School Games, please register your interest here.

