



SPAR Lancashire School Games 2022/23

The School Games is a national programme funded by Sport England and the Youth Sport Trust. In Lancashire the School Games Organiser network, Active Lancashire and SPAR will work in partnership to deliver a games which will provide young people with the opportunity to be active, play and move through festivals, virtual activities and challenges.

National School Games Mission



Putting physical activity and competitive sport at the heart of schools and providing more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best.

SPAR Lancashire School Games Mission & Vision 2022/23



Mission: To provide children and young people with the opportunities to have fun, develop skills, and achieve personal bests through games, activities and competitions.

Vision: To provide a school games that will help young people recover from the effects of pandemic, and supporting those who may have been impacted the most.



Our role as a partnership...

The School Games national programme works towards meeting the following 5 outcomes:

- 1. To maintain and grow school engagement in the School Games -** Supporting schools to prioritise the delivery of 60 active minutes as an entitlement for every child to support improvements in their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.
- 2. To create positive experiences by ensuring physical activity and competition provision is designed to reflect the motivation, competence and confidence of young people and has clear intent -** targeting young people who need the intervention most (particularly but not exclusively those from Low socio economic backgrounds, minority ethnic groups, SEND, Girls)
- 3. To have a clear focus on transition points (Yr.3 and Yr.7/8) -** continuing the focus on secondary schools but recognising the impact in early KS2.
- 4. Create positive experiences that support the character development of young people -** through delivering inclusive high-quality leadership and volunteering opportunities
- 5. To advocate to key stakeholders how the School Games makes a meaningful difference to the lives of children and young people,** including supporting schools to engage and educate parents- participation in physical activity and competition will impact on young people's physical, emotional and social wellbeing creating lifelong habits

Lancashire priorities for 2022/23

For the 2022/23 SPAR Lancashire School Games we have continued to prioritised young people's recovery from the pandemic, and using the school games as an opportunity to provide relevant, fun and developmental opportunities which are relevant for young people.

This includes a focus on:

- **KS3 & 4 Girls -** Continuation of the This Girl Can regional festivals will provide opportunities for girls to be active through physical and mindfulness activities.



- **Transition** - A focus on those in Year 6 - 8. The opportunities provided will aim to provide fun experiences, and develop skills to help young people get ready for Secondary school.
- **SEND** - We are acknowledging the challenges young people with SEND have faced during the past 18 months. We are offering more opportunities throughout the year at our festivals for young people at Special Schools or in mainstream schools. In addition to 3 SEND regional festivals.
- **Year 3 & 4** - Develop skills, learn new games and provide opportunities for children to work as a team and achieve personal bests.

What we will offer as part of the SPAR Lancashire School Games?

- SPAR Lancashire School Games Summer Festival - 4th July 2023 (Stanley Park, Blackpool)
- 3 x This Girl Can Festivals - Dates TBC (Pennine Lancashire, Coastal Lancashire, Central Lancashire) ***Each of the 3 events will focus on local needs.**
- 3 x SEND Activity festival - Dates TBC ***Each of the 3 events will focus on local needs.**
- Secondary School Sportshall Athletics - 22nd March 2023 (Blackpool Sports Centre, Blackpool)
- Primary School & Small school Sportshall Athletics - 14th March 2023 (Blackpool Sports Centre)
- Dance Competition (KS2, KS3, KS4) - 15th May (Blackpool, Winter Gardens)



- Virtual Opportunities throughout the Year (Including Lancashire day 27th November)
- Increased opportunities for Alternative provision, including Table Tennis, Dodgeball + other competitions and festivals.
- Boccia Competition, (Special Schools, mainstream SEND) 3rd February, QEGS Blackburn.
- Continuation of FA Ability counts football & PRU football leagues
***Full calendar of events can be seen here;**
<https://www.lancashireschoolgames.co.uk/2020-21-games/games-calendar-202122>

You can find out more information about local opportunities by contacting your local SGO. Their contact details can be found here;
<https://www.lancashireschoolgames.co.uk/organisers>