

10 Principles of the School Games



The School Games is a national model that is delivered to reflect local needs. It is underpinned by consistent principles and behaviours to achieve the vision, mission and outcomes:

- 1** Tackling local inequalities by working with young people in greatest need
- 2** Ensuring everything that we do is safe, inclusive, accessible and meaningful
- 3** Improving the physical literacy of young people through positive experiences
- 4** Driving equal access by embedding youth engagement to give young people a voice, choice and opportunity
- 5** Collaborate, share and learn locally, determining need that reflects local and national agendas
- 6** Celebrating the difference that we are making to young people and sharing through effective storytelling
- 7** Championing the Chief Medical Officer's active minutes guidelines as a universal expectation and supporting schools to reflect this in their provision
- 8** Contributing to school agendas by taking them on our School Games journey and celebrating their engagement through tools such as School Games Mark
- 9** Increasing secondary engagement and opportunities
- 10** Connecting communities and ensuring young people can access appropriate local opportunities

Vision and Mission



The School Games vision and mission sets out our ambitions for young people. The vision states what we want to achieve, and the mission gives clarity around how this will be achieved. Delivering change locally whilst making a difference nationally is key to the success of the vision and mission being achieved.

Vision

The School Games will make a positive and meaningful difference to the lives of children and young people through sport and physical activity.

Mission

Putting physical activity and school sport at the heart of schools. Providing young people with the opportunity to enjoy and learn through competition to achieve their personal best.

School Games Pledges 2023-25

To celebrate the ongoing investment into the School Games, three School Games pledges were shared at the National School Games Summit in June 2023. These pledges set a course to address the national priorities of tackling inequalities, youth engagement and physical literacy through the School Games.

They are designed so there are no additional asks for the network, and allow us to demonstrate both the agility of the network to ensure School Games remains relevant to the needs of young people and the collective scale, reach, and impact that the funding has made. These pledges are not to be considered in isolation as they are absolutely interdependent - we need to ensure that we hear the voices of those seldom heard if we are to create a life long love of being active for those young people that will benefit the most who have been traditionally missing out. Please consider these as part of your School Games accountability.

