

Opening School Facilities

In 2021 Active Dorset was awarded an element of the national Opening School Facilities (OSF) Fund to help schools in Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole (BCP) and the wider Dorset area to open their facilities.

The Department of Education (DfE) made a commitment in 2021 to invest £10.1 million to help more schools open their facilities to the public as the coronavirus pandemic eases in England. Active Dorset was awarded an element of the national Opening School Facilities (OSF) Fund, which had the specific aim of helping schools to overcome any barriers they may have to opening their facilities during evenings, weekends, and school holidays.

Across two funding rounds in May and June 2021, Active Dorset provided schools with an opportunity to apply for individual school grants of up to £10,000 per school which could be used for improving accessibility for young people with SEND, additional sports, activity and storage equipment, activity deliverers, Covid-19 measures and more.

BCP & Dorset schools received a **total of £191,041.24 OSF funding** from Active Dorset.



36 schools funded

3 Special Schools
14 Primary
3 Middle
16 Secondary



Estimated to have targeted over **9,718 children and young people** via OSF funding.



Key after school use of facilities by schools:

- To support pupils from low socio-economic groups
- To support pupils receiving free school meals and Pupil Premium
- To support pupils with SEND
- To combat the rise in inactivity of CYP

Range of different uses for the funding:

- Netball/basketball posts & nets
- Mobile floodlights
- Football goals
- Outdoor table tennis tables
- Court line-markings
- Covid-cleaning
- Equipment storage units



Top community use audiences:

1. Women and girls
2. Disability
3. Diverse communities
4. Long term health condition



Top community sports:

1. Football
2. Netball
3. Tennis



"Our community Badminton players and table tennis club have expressed their gratitude at being able to use the school facilities again" *Beaminster School, Dorset*