School Sport Survey
2015
Stakeholder Briefing
Note
2015 sees the return of the biennial Sport Wales School Sport Survey and with it the opportunity for thousands of children to have a say on what would make them take part in more physical activity and lead a healthier lifestyle.

Almost 110,000 responses were gained from Welsh school children in 2013. It is hoped that 2015 will provide a greater number of children with the opportunity to have a say on PE and the sporting opportunities available to them.

Why conduct the School Sport Survey?

In schools and local authority areas all across Wales we have seen great things happening as a result of the 2013 school sport survey data.

From sports councils giving children the opportunity to have a say in what types of activity they do, to changes in PE kit creating a more comfortable environment. We’re confident that these changes will be setting more youngsters on the path to a more active lifestyle.

But we cannot stop there. It’s only through continued monitoring that we can be sure if we are getting things right. That’s why we need as many children as possible to be getting involved every 2 years.

The data provides valuable insight for individual schools, colleges and local authorities allowing them to identify the best ways of providing sporting opportunities to suit all children. It is this insight that allows us all to tailor our efforts in actions that will provide real, life-changing results.
Why do we need children to be sporty?
It matters hugely if children are taking part in regular physical activity. Chances are that if they don’t get into the habit of it now, they won’t ever and that’s a huge issue for their future health.

Taking part in more sport, more often also has some pretty great immediate benefits, such as improved confidence, team working skills and even attainment.

Who Takes Part in the Survey?
All schools in Wales with pupils aged 7 and over are invited to take part in the survey, including special schools and independent schools. For the first time, the survey will also be open to pupils in sixth forms and FE colleges.

A member of staff from each primary and secondary school will also be invited to complete a questionnaire on PE and sport provision at the school.

Participation in the School Sport Survey is voluntary and reliant in many parts on a school’s understanding of the benefits in completion of the survey both to the school as a whole and to individual pupils.

To help a school understand the benefits of taking part in the School Sport Survey, Sport Wales has identified a number of examples where great things have started to happen as a result of the 2013 survey results. These will be available on the www.schoolsportsurvey.org.uk webpage from mid-March and through the 2015 survey process.
Timelines

The 2015 survey will go live on 14th April and will run until the end of the summer term.

During the summer, the data is weighted, analysed and checked and used to create tailored reports for schools, local authorities, colleges, consortia, electoral regions, constituencies and health boards. Results and individual reports will be published in the autumn of 2015.

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