

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What can the opening school facilities fund cover?

- **Help schools with their own pool on site to safely re-open** – this can include purchasing water testing kits and plant servicing following guidance from Swim England. The funding could be used to restart and extend the opportunities for children and young people to participate in swimming activities.
- **Help schools to meet COVID-19 measures** by purchasing additional signage, touch free entry points, Perspex screens, additional cleaning equipment and signage/floor markings to maintain social distance, avoid congestion, and promote good hygiene. Funding should not be used for any ongoing repairs or changes which should be part of the schools' continual facility improvement eg, to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements. Funding to widen doors, repair pathways, fix roofs etc are ineligible.
- **Purchase additional sports, activity, and storage equipment.** The impact of the pandemic may require additional sports, activity and storage equipment to be purchased by schools, Example of where this may be the case could be the impact of not sharing equipment, requiring more equipment due to having smaller groups of participants, having to use outdoor space resulting in the need for portable / small moveable pieces of equipment, the need to separately store equipment for community groups and the introduction of new activities. All items within this category are eligible items of expenditure.
- **To improve the accessibility of school sports facilities**, especially for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. This could include buying adaptive sports equipment.
- **Where relevant provide funding for additional short-term staffing challenges** which prevent schools from opening facilities or delivering sessions. This funding can cover staff up to the 31 August 2021.

2. What will the funding will not cover?

- Marketing, website development or maintenance
- Capital expenditure, construction/refurbishment projects
- Items which only benefit an individual e.g., membership fees, bursaries or kit and equipment that is not shared
- Any expenditure by schools after 31 August 2021 or reimbursing money already spent prior to application award.
- Transport costs
- Activities delivered off school premises
- Paying teachers or teaching assistants
- Costs that could be covered by the Primary PE and Sport Premium
- Any activity delivered during curriculum time or breakfast clubs
- Funding to cover the loss of revenue
- Funding independent schools (if there is a case for an independent school where it provides substantial swimming offer to the local community, please contact us to discuss further)
- Funding for wrap around care
- Funding for FE colleges and standalone 6th Form Colleges
- Any private business or profitmaking organisations unless they are a Social Enterprise or Community Interest Company