

Active Black Country School Supplier Hub Guidance Document

Introduction:

The Active Black Country School Supplier Hub is an online directory or listing and search tool and has been designed to be the go-to place for schools to find suppliers, services, providers and deliverers for all forms of physical activity provision, both during and out of school hours.

It has been created to make it easier for schools to find physical activity providers who can meet their needs.

The suppliers in this database have submitted their details as they would like to offer their services to schools in the Black Country.

Suppliers listed, offer services across the breadth of physical activity provision, which also includes equipment providers, IT solutions and training providers alongside the physical activity delivery.

Responsibilities:

The responsibility for the accuracy of the data contained in the Active Black Country School Supplier Hub is the responsibility of the supplier themselves.

The information contained in the Hub has been provided by external organisations who offer services to schools in the Black Country. It is the responsibility of each of these organisations to ensure that information relating to their service and organisation remains up to date. Active Black Country is not responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others and accepts no liability relating to any information contained on the site. It is recommended that you contact the individual organisation directly in order to establish specific opportunities available.

The responsibility for quality assurance of the products, services and programmes detailed within this database rest with schools.

Using the Suppliers Hub:

You can search for school suppliers in a variety of ways on the Active Black Country School Supplier Hub:

- **Keyword:** Type in anything that springs to mind into the search field! For example; search for “curriculum” or “golf”.
- **Postcode:** You can search for organisations by postcode.
- **Activity:** We have included a list of activities for you to choose from.
- **Provider Type:** Select from the drop-down list, e.g. “Equipment / Facility Solutions”.
- **Age Groups:** You can search by your target age group.
- **Locations:** Search by local authority area for those organisations that operate within your locality.

You can then “**find out more**” about each individual supplier to access their organisation page to see if they meet your needs. Further information and contact details are provided. You can select “**get in touch**” to access contact details. It is recommended that you contact the individual organisation directly in order to establish specific opportunities available.

If you are happy with the work the supplier has carried out for your school, then you can “**submit a testimonial**” to help other schools to choose the best fit supplier for their needs.

Using External Providers:

External providers can perform a valuable role by supporting teachers and schools to deliver excellent physical education and sport, as well as providing breakfast, lunchtime, after school clubs as well as community provision.

UK Coaching have developed the Coaching in Primary Schools Toolkit in collaboration with the Association for Physical Education, the Active Partnerships Network, Sport England, ukactive Kids and the Youth Sport Trust. You can access the toolkit [here](#).

Safe Recruitment:

You will already be familiar with the need and processes to conduct safeguarding checks upon your staff members, and this criterion should be extended to any external providers you employ. AfPE has produced the [Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity](#) resource to help teachers, coaches and school governors protect their students and themselves from potential risks across both the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

The Minimum Deployment Requirements Guidance factsheet has been developed in partnership by Active Partnerships, afPE, CIMSPA, ukactive KIDS, UK Coaching and the Youth Sport Trust. The project has been led by Sport England, with support from the Department for Education and can be downloaded [here](#). This should be considered as part of school’s safe recruitment processes.