



SCHOOL GAMES MARK 2018/19

SUMMARY VALIDATION REPORT FOR Alexander McLeod Primary School



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Mark Validation: Summary of visit

School Name:	Alexander McLeod Primary School	Type of School:	Primary School with a KS2 of 130 to 499 students
Award:	Gold	Date of visit:	10 th October 2019

Introduction:

The Sport Industry Research Centre at Sheffield Hallam University has been contracted by Sport England to conduct an independent validation on 325 schools covering 225 SGO areas for the 2018/19 period. As part of our validation visits we have been asked to make recommendations regarding improving the Mark criteria for future years and therefore the criteria for this year is again subject to changes based on the feedback we receive and the validations completed. Alexander McLeod Primary School provided evidence of meeting or exceeding the required criteria in order to achieve the Gold School Games Mark. The key School Games Mark criteria relating to the Gold award are highlighted below and a green /red score has been made in relation to the evidence seen or discussed with the validation team.

Scoring Key	Green	Red			
	Clear evidence provided	Little, no or incorrect evidence	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Summary of evidence from validation visit					
Prerequisites					
A system in place to track young people's participation in the School Games.					
Opportunities which attract less active young people to participate in physical activity.					
Have a member of staff actively engaged with their SGO as part of their CPD.					
Primary Only: Have registered on www.activeschoolplanner.org					
Positioned 'personal challenge' as a key component of your School Games provision.					
Held a School Games Day and registered the day on your School Games dashboard.					
A calendar of competition which demonstrates opportunities for young people with SEND.					
A notice board and/or in-house school digital system that promotes School Games activity					
Maximise the School Games Values or your School values to support all young people.					
Participation					
The provision of physical education and school sport at your school					
Engaging pupils in extracurricular sporting activity every week			20%	35%	50%
Have targeted provision for the least active i.e. those identified at the start of the year.			N/A	10%	15%
Competition					
Provides School Games competition for Personal Challenge/Digital Competition			N/A		
Provides approved School Games competition at Intra-level					
Provides approved School Games competition at Inter-level					
Provides approved School Games Inter competitions for B teams and C teams			N/A		
Promote the School Games to parents and the local community as specified.			N/A		
Workforce					
Engages students in leading, managing and officiating in School Games activity.			5%	10%	15%
Every young person is provided the opportunity to 'learn to lead' through curriculum PE			N/A	N/A	
(i) Can provide evidence of how students have been engaged in planning and developing School Games activity (Silver) and (ii) Have a School Sport Organising Committee/Crew (Gold)			N/A		
Is utilising sports coaches to support school sport activity.			N/A		
Can provide evidence of training wider school staff to support school sport activity.			N/A	N/A	
Primary Only: Completed the self-review tool (Activity Heatmap).			N/A		
Clubs					
Can evidence active links with a number of local sports club (as specified).			N/A	3	5
Evidence that the club relationship is about the provider delivering taster sessions on site or is a partner host site for the activity and young people are actively engaged to attend.			N/A	1	2

Comments

Alexander McLeod Primary School was awarded the Gold Mark award following the validation call, with a portfolio of evidence in place to support all areas of the Mark award. The validation highlighted that the school was offering a very strong sports programme across all areas of the award, including:

- The school has an extremely positive approach to sport and physical activity, and uses a variety of methods to engage students in regular activity, including offering a wide range of curricular and extracurricular options and some new and innovative opportunities for less active young people to engage including their breakfast / physical activity club 'Train like a Jedi'.
- The school offers students a wide range of competitive sporting opportunities at both Intra and Inter Level, having strong links with the local School Sports Partnership.
- The school actively promotes School Games to parents and the local community through a variety of methods but most notably the school social media accounts which are regularly updated with news of sporting events, competitions and festivals.
- The school has a very strong leadership programme in which students are given a range of opportunities to lead, manage and officiate in both curriculum PE and extracurricular activity. The Junior Sports Leaders have an important role in delivering School Games activity.
- The school engages well with local sports clubs and leisure providers, offering both a signposting function and more active links in terms of both taster and regular sessions with a large number of different clubs.

The school should be proud of this application and the evidence collated as part of the process.

Well done on your award, and good luck planning and delivering 2019-20.