

School Games 2020 Statement

Following consultation with the Northumberland's Local Organising Committee and the Tyne & Wear PE and School Sport Alliance for this year's School Games County festivals, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our School Games Festival events. Both the Northumberland and Tyne & Wear Festivals were due to take place on the 25th June.

The decision has been taken following the government's advice on prevention and dealing with the coronavirus crisis.

It is extremely disappointing to have had to cancel this year's festivals, as it is recognised that so much hard work has gone in to ensure we not only met the high standards set last year but also exceeded them. However, it is important to us that we continue to deliver high quality, fully inclusive, safe events in Northumberland and Tyne & Wear, which leaves us with no choice this year but to cancel and look forward to the next academic year.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in the planning, delivery and organisation of School Games 2020 so far. Thank you also to the many children, coaches and teachers who have worked extremely hard to qualify. We are certain the excellent work will continue and we will look forward to engaging with more schools and children across Northumberland and Tyne & Wear as soon as it is considered safe to do so.

Moving Forward

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognise the work of our School Games Organiser networks across Northumberland and Tyne & Wear. Despite the cancellation of our Festival events, they are continuing to develop innovative solutions and embracing the values of our School Games programme to encourage our children and young people to remain active during this difficult period.

We would therefore encourage you to signpost your pupils and students to our online information at:

<https://www.moreactiveforlife.co.uk/active-children>

<https://www.tynewearsport.org/active-at-home-children>

Signed

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