

Playing for Success

Newsletter



Issue 1

Good Morning

As you are aware Rex Hall Associates have taken over today the contract for the day to day running of PfS. I hope for many you will not notice a change in the help, advice and support you will receive. The office will be open during normal office hours. Our administrator can be reached at Tracey@rexhallassociates.com or at info@rexhallassociates.com the office address is

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The new web site can be reached at <http://www.playingforsuccessonline.org.uk> as you would expect this is still a site which will grow as we add other sections and refine the information. A photo gallery will be added soon but in the meantime you should continue to visit rexhallassociates.com

The PfS calendar will be added to the site and updated every few days.

I have also included the new funding arrangements which were circulated yesterday. You will see that there is good news in this announcement.

The next target is the National conference and after that the work on the 2008 year book will start with a number of changes in design and use of the club cards. We will with our partners Bracken Presentations be sending out invitations to the conference can you ensure you log in and fill in the electronic registration form.

We also need you to fill in the PfS work focus questionnaire circulated by Sue Collins to ensure we can input the appropriate strategies and policies as well as informing the public relations strategy. Can you ensure you send it to sue@rexhallassociates.com

The DCSF has set us a number of new challenges for the next 3 years we can only do them with the centres, hosts and local authorities working in partnership.

Regards
Rex

PfS Calendar

10th April at Darlington FC RHA briefing meeting. The meeting will start at 11 and be finished by 1. Coffee etc at 10.30.

11th April at Derbyshire CCC The meeting will start at 11 and be finished by 1. Coffee etc at 10.30.

17th April at Somerset CCC The meeting will start at 11 and be finished by 1. Coffee etc at 10.30.

24th April in London Wembley PfS centre. If you are attending this meeting and wish to park you need to send details of your vehicle to Wayne Smith 72 hours before the event. Then parking will be free if not you will be charged. The meeting will start at 11 and be finished by 1. Coffee etc at 10.30.

It is not an expectation to attend. I have booked refreshments for 50 at each meeting.

Other members of the RHA team will be present as well at each meeting.

25.04.2008 The Cricket Managers meeting to be held at the Oval from 10.00 – 15.00. If interested in attending contact Sean at sean@rexbhallassociates.com They have got about 18 people signed up for the Cricket CM Conference some coming from as far away as Durham. The main purpose will be to share current good practice and look at what we can do to link up projects based around next years Ashes series and the first twenty 20 world cup which is also being held in England next year. One of our key aims will be to develop an initiative which may then attract some business sponsorship in the same way that we involved NPower last time. We will also look at possible links with Australian schools.

28.04.2008 Launching of Tooting and Mitcham SSC by the Secretary of State Ed Balls. More details to follow.

30.04.2008 An Induction course for new centre managers and LA officers at RHA offices at the West Bromwich address at the top of the newsletter. If you are interested in attending please contact Rex Hall at this point. 10.30 to 3.15. Or Chris@rexbhallassociates.com or diane@rexbhallassociates.com

9.05.2008 South East Regional Meeting 10 am is at the Kent Spitfires Study Centre in Canterbury. (It is not the 25th April as was previously the case). Agendas will be sent out in due course. Please contact Martin Kelk martinkelk@ks-studycentre.co.uk if you are unable to attend.

22/23 05 2008 The Tenth Playing for Success National Conference which will have the theme PfS: Moving Forward, Achieving Excellence in Stratford upon Avon. Invitations will be circulated soon and the Conference web site will go live soon. 55 workshops and speakers have been confirmed. You do need to register via the site.

January 2009 On the 8th and 9th there will be the biannual centre managers conference which will be held at Durham CCC. Details from Tina Dransfield or Jeanette Wood.

Funding Announcement
31.03.2008

I'm writing to notify you of the funding levels and arrangements that will apply to PfS from 1 April 2008 for three years, details are set out below. Please note that the three-way partnership between the Club, LA and DCSF, which underpins the funding formula, remains unchanged, and that funding is only allocated to LAs in respect of specific, named PfS Centres.

I hope that this overall package and increase in funding - by £15,000 for the longest running Centres - will enable you to plan with confidence, and deliver first class PfS to young people in your area for many years ahead.

With very best wishes to you all for the future,

Alison (Lockwood) and the DCSF PfS team in Sheffield

Playing for Success - funding levels 1 April 2008 - 31 March 2011

(a) Annual revenue costs are predicated on a total budget of £150,000 split three ways, with the Club's contribution usually in-kind.

(b) The revenue budget can be used to fund modest capital expenditure.

(c) If more significant capital expenditure is needed, for example for Centre relocation due to stadium redevelopment, this must be sought and allocated from within the LA's main capital budget for schools (see guidance at <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/resourcesfinanceandbuilding/capitalinvestment/guidance/>).

There is no separate DCSF PfS capital budget.

(d) Tapering of funding will end. This has affected Centres operating for 4+ years, in that the DCSF 100% grant of £50,000 has been reduced by £10,000. All Centres (but see note * below) will receive £25,000 through Standards Fund Grant 1.12 which must be matched, and £50,000 at the 100% rate (i.e. no matching requirement).

(e) An additional grant of £5,000 will be added to the 100% allocation for all Centres (making the 100% grant element £55,000 and the total DCSF grant £80,000). This is intended to support Open Week and the kinds of items supported by the former Quality Development & Sustainability Fund. It may also be used in respect of costs associated with QiSS recognition, or to support PfS developments such as Double Club or Sports College work.

(f) PfS funding is ring fenced within the Standards Fund for three years until March 2011. Please note that this ring fence is likely to apply to all LAs regardless of their performance rating but confirmation has not yet been received from Ministers.

Please make sure that your finance colleagues with responsibility for Standards Fund are aware of these new arrangements.

*Please note that for the very small number of Football Foundation residually-funded Centres, the Department's allocations will be adjusted so that you benefit from the additional £5,000 DCSF grant referred to a (e) above.