



Active Schools

Dear

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We are delighted to have agreed a new 4-year partnership with sportscotland that will allow us to continue delivering the Active Schools programme in Aberdeenshire through until 2027.

As part of this new agreement, we have been asked to make changes to the model we have used in Aberdeenshire until now, and to deliver on the Scottish Government commitment to provide free extracurricular opportunities to pupils, helping remove barriers faced by many in Scotland where costs prevent young people participating in activities

We have in the past charged a small fee for some elements of our programme, which has supported us to cover overheads such as equipment or payment of qualified coaches who have been delivering sessions on our behalf. As we plan to the future, we will be placing a greater emphasis on developing a bigger volunteer base and developing partnerships with local clubs and organisations to create new opportunities.

We will also be working closely with colleagues in other areas of Live Life Aberdeenshire to support the development of a new junior programme, which will compliment the Active schools programme, offering further opportunities for young people to continue taking part in activities they have been able to try through Active School. We hope that by moving to this model we will be able to offer more opportunities than ever before for young people to be active and live healthy lifestyles.

You will continue to receive emails from our team via schools, which will detail all activities on offer. Pupils will still be required to hold a Gladstone account to book into activities but will no longer be asked to pay to do so for any programme provided by Active Schools.

We are as always keen to engage with anyone who has some time and would be interested in volunteering to support our programme. If you would like to learn more about how we support volunteers, and how you can get involved, please visit our webpage found here <http://bitly.ws/D99R> or by speaking to your local Active Schools Coordinator

Yours Sincerely

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