

Sport Wellington Key Messages

14 May 2020

PRIMARY SCHOOL CONNECT



Supporting a healthy, active region.



Setting the Scene

We spoke to a range of teachers, sport coordinators and external primary school providers, unpicking what their current environment looked like, we explored how the sport, active recreation and play system could support the primary setting and we heard from both Sport Wellington and Sport NZ with updates. Here is what was said:

Sport Wellington Update



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Sport Wellington have shelved their strategy for now and have set new priorities, our work across the primary school sector sits in Priority 3: Supporting the play, active recreation and sport sector to come through this period in as strong a position as possible. Sport Wellington are currently developing a school support plan, this will be informed by discussions they have with partners across the Primary school sector, for example, from the Primary School Connect discussions. If you have any further feedback or require support, please get in touch.

Sport New Zealand Update

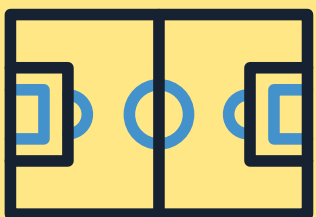


Karen Laurie, Tamariki Lead at Sport NZ, specialises in advocating for all young people to have quality physical activity experiences promoting holistic development and wellbeing. She emphasised the importance of connecting and working in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for our children's wellbeing. Through her role, she will provide background support, feeding in insights and research from a national level, and working with us locally to truly understanding how we can best support the primary sector.



Q. What are some positives that you've seen over this lockdown period?

A. More kids are connecting with nature, moving more and are leading their own play and physical activity experiences. It's been a great opportunity for providers to review and refine programmes and seek out further PD opportunities. Level 2 indicates we are getting closer to normality. Increased connection and collaboration between organisations has been beneficial.



Q. What are some barriers or concerns you've come up against recently?

A. Uncertainty about what inter-school sport events look like, guidance around health & Safety is needed. Concerns around children not knowing what unwell means and coming to school anyhow. There is now an opportunity for RSOs to look at what they deliver and how it aligns to children's wellbeing. How does Healthy Active Learning align with external providers.



Q. What support do you require going forward?

A. The opportunity to hear from other schools. Being the connection piece between schools and external providers (guidance around when it is ok for providers to go back into schools, clear guidelines about quality physical activity experiences for external providers). A 'one stop shop' for resources – based around wellbeing. Clarity around what Level 2 looks like in schools, for example, at lunchtimes.



Next Steps

Next Primary School Connect: Wednesday, 3rd June at 3.30-4pm. A new webpage has been developed specifically to provide support for the primary school setting during COVID-19. Sport Wellington will be informing their school support plan with insights gained from this Primary School Connect. They will be connecting with their partners to determine actions going forward.