

Opening School Facilities Fund - Phase 2

Briarwood School – Bristol

Priority: After School, Weekend and Holiday Provision; Schools with swimming pools

OSF Funded: PFI costs, Covid secure signage + cleaning, after school delivery, sports equipment.

All pupils at Briarwood have SEND and an EHCP and therefore the curriculum and the approach to teaching is highly personalised to individual needs. The main concern the school has had in the return of pupils after lockdown and during the continued changes that the pandemic brings is the ability of pupils to engage and reconnect with their love for physical activity. A high proportion of pupils are disadvantaged, receive pupil premium or have high post code deprivation (including homes with no gardens), which meant during COVID-19 they had limited areas where they could play, have access to open space or participate in physical activity. Additionally, due to the complex medical, sensory and behavioural needs of our pupils, parents/carers were and are often unable to support them in local parks, inclusion groups or clubs within the local community. Ensuring that we support the gap created by the digital divide and creating equality of opportunity is important to us and thus the objective of this investment was to enable Briarwood to open up our secondary school setting after school, using trusted specialist facilities to welcome students to take part in a range of both indoor + outdoor sporting and physical 'taster' sessions, alongside access to the hydrotherapy swimming pool for students to explore new activities that excite and energise them.

Additional project benefit: parent connect. Parents collect their children from the front of school with social distancing being practised, here they have had the opportunity to speak with other parents and develop new friendships.

