

Opening School Facilities Fund - Phase 2

Clevedon School – North Somerset

Priority: After School, Weekend and Holiday Provision; Opening up facilities to the wider community (including lettings)

OSF Funded: Battlebox equipment.

To support the first outdoor gym in the area and further maximise its use for larger numbers and community groups, supported by local personal trainers. Pupils, families and community.

Acknowledging a minority of students adopted a real fitness drive during lockdown, Clevedon school was working to restore the fitness levels of all students and hopefully the community to pre-lockdown levels or better. They surveyed their students and asked how this could be best achieved outdoors, mindful that further waves of COVID-19 may restrict indoor activity. The most popular response was an outdoor container-based gym (sometimes known as Battle Boxes), particularly pupils from our most deprived areas. The school are planning for subsidised sessions in the evening using local PTs for community access (or free for those in hardship).

Additional project benefit: staff wellbeing. It's a neutral space where both teaching and non-teaching staff can connect, in absence of a school staff room. Weekly staff sessions are led by an ex-student Personal Trainer with consistent attendance throughout the winter period!

