



Opening School Facilities Funding

Application Support

When submitting your application form for this funding, it's important that you consider your projects carefully and ensure the target groups will benefit from the opening up of your school facilities.

Here is some guidance when completing the form

- Any member of staff can begin to plan the project and fill in the application form but it is imperative that the Head Teacher approves the application and adds their signature to the form before submission
- FSM and SEND data are a requirement for this application
- We ask about the current barriers you may have to opening your facilities to support your planning of whether you can use this funding to overcome these issues. Points such as 'poor lighting on the path to the school hall during the winter months' can be remedied by purchasing outdoor lighting which then makes the school hall more accessible all year round.
- The amount of requested funding and monies contributed towards the project by the school are important so we can record how much the entire project cost.
- When describing how you would use this funding, we are looking for
 - a clear and well thought-through project with a clear target audience
 - numbers of children accessing this opportunity
 - the impact it will have on these children
 - the project's wider use eg other schools, the local community
- When asking for a breakdown of costs, we would like you to show that materials and equipment have been researched and any companies/suppliers you may use are proven to be good value for money and are reputable.
- It is very important that you consider the sustainability of this investment which may include charging some community groups for access/use. Items may need replacing and/or servicing. These costs must be covered by the school.