Bruntsfield Parent Council Clubs 2021-22

Parent Council Update 25 August 2021

Karen Galloway, Chair

Prior to 20 March 2020, BPC ran over 27 clubs across four venues- school, MUC, CC & Harrison Park

- Fencing
- Badminton
- Ballet
- Judo
- Netball
- Swimming
- Cycling
- Highland Dancing
- Streetdance
- Football

- Debating
- Creative
- Creative writing
- Computing
- Homework
- Art
- Science
- Chess
- French
- Theatre
- Knitting

- Guitar
- Ukuele
- Chanter
- Choir
- Drumming
- Rockschool

This was supplemented by Active Schools which is a SportScotland funding programme delivered in partnership with Edinburgh Council

- Mini Kickers
- Yoga
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Rugby
- Athletics

There are many challenges in getting BPC clubs back up and running

- Venues
 - School lets currently only available for Active Schools
 - MUC: unable to use the main hall for sport but can access other space for writing/music
 - CC: main hall not suitable for sport but could be suitable for activities such as ballet

- Doorkeeper/Unit safety
- Availability of tutors
- Timing of club start and multiple sessions
- Cleaning between sessions
- Untested club admin system
- Policies and procedures needed
 - CP, Inclusion, Behaviour, Refunds and cancellations
- PVGs, First Aid Certificates, CP training

Changes to Active School policy

- Active Schools used to charge nominal amount to the participant with monies used to pay tutors and coaches and provide equipment.
- A change to this policy in Edinburgh means that AS must be free to the participant.
- This means that tutor is either volunteer (daytime?) or payment needs to be made
 by school or Parent Council
- Trying to establish if we can have a new model where PC pay for tutor and charge parent but AS book school let. This may be contrary to the AS policy.
- No guidance has been provided by AS on how this could or should work.
- Additional cost could be c£5,000 per annum payable by the Parent Council
- This issue has been raised at two Council committees and guidance is still not in place.

Parent Councils across the City have been campaigning for clarification on the return of clubs, especially those requiring qualified coaches.

This policy however will not change.

Access to the school building is likely to be from 25 October 2021 at the earliest.

It is likely enhanced cleaning protocols will need to be in place for all Let holders.

It's complicated ! And there's a lot to do.....

But.

I have made a start.

We are currently planning the potential return for

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- PC ?
- AS ?
- Require school
 access or reboot

Some of these clubs will not run because tutors are no longer available.

Some will not run because they require access to the school.

Some will not run because they do not have an administrator.

None will run unless we have a new Clubs team in place.

None will run unless we have qualified and paid for Doorkeepers in venues.

WE NEED

Office Bearer Club Coordinator (Team): to organise the schedule, liaise with Club Administrators, recruit and manage Doorkeepers and policies, keep record of materials and resources.

Office Bearer Club Tech Support: to manage Class4Kids including scheduling classes, days, times, terms. Work with Comms to communicate to parents. Provide registers to tutors and doorkeepers

Health & Safety/Covid: to ensure we are compliant with Covid procedures, child protection and building safety.

Club Administrators: to manage the registration for individual activity clubs.

NEW: Active Schools Liaison - to lead on sport and link with Active Schools and CK. Monitor participation levels.

PAID ROLES: Doorkeepers: Two or three venue managers who are responsible for children in and out of the building, building safety and security and first aiders.

The initial planning has been done.

Contacts with tutors, administrators and venues.

Contact with AS has been established.

Previous Clubs Teams (and me) will be available to help and guide.

To get Clubs restarted from mid-September, we need a Team in place now.

Without a new Clubs team in place, Bruntsfield Clubs will not return to the valued and respects network we had in 2020.

And that would be disappointing for all our children.

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