

Dear Miss Wilcox,

## School Games Recognition Award 2019-20

I wanted to write to thank you for all your support this year and for your School's engagement in the School Games programme. Through this you have offered a range of opportunities in PE, Sport and Physical Activity for all children in your school. In recognition of this work I am delighted to award **Western Downland CE (VA) Primary School** the Youth Sport Trust (YST) Certificate of Recognition for ongoing commitment and achievement in the School Games programme during the Autumn and Spring Terms. I have attached a copy of the certificate and badge to be printed and used for media purposes.

Due to a number of factors YST decided to suspend School Games Mark for this year. I am aware that many schools were disappointed about this as they use the Kitemark, not only to celebrate what has been achieved, but also as a tool for development and in some cases as a professional measure. The decision was taken to maintain the integrity of the award. Not only has Coronavirus caused disruption but prior to this many partnerships were badly hit by the floods. It was also recognised that to give any award for the first half of the school year would disadvantage those schools whose engagement in competition is largely in the late Spring and Summer Terms. The award for achievement does not replace School Games Mark but is an acknowledgement of the excellent work you have done. The decision to give the Certificate of Recognition is at the discretion of School Games Organisers across the country. We have considered whether a school was working towards the Mission and Vision of the School Games during the Autumn and Spring terms and whether they were most likely to achieve School Games Mark if they had continued with the same level of engagement for the rest of the year.

In light of what your school achieved over the Autumn and Spring Terms I would anticipate that your school would have achieved **Gold**. The key reasons for this are:

- Number of festivals attended
- Plans for 30 Active Minutes
- Commitment to Leadership

I am aware that this year your school would have been applying for a third consecutive Gold Award. This opportunity will now shift to next year and this year will not be seen as a break in your consecutive years.

Looking forward to next year, I will be here to continue to support your school and am currently planning for the 2020-2021 academic year. Further details will be sent out to schools in the coming weeks.

Best Wishes



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