



Primary Spaces

Improving outdoor
PE and sport facilities

Introduction to Primary Spaces and how it can work for your school

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£18m

We're investing £18 million of National Lottery funding to improve primary school PE, sport and activity facilities.

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Welcome to Primary Spaces

Having the right place to play sport and be physically active as a child is vital in ensuring that more children are active and that is why we're investing £18 million of National Lottery funding to improve primary school Physical Education (PE), sport and activity facilities.

From an early age, lifelong patterns of positive behaviour and involvement can be established through participation in physical activity. Physical activity develops movement and social skills, communication and language techniques, co-ordination and co-operation amongst young children.

We know from research that a number of primary schools have very little or no outside space which can currently be used for PE or sport, making it difficult for such sessions to take place.

While many schools would benefit from facility investment this Primary Spaces fund has been established to help primary schools with the greatest need.

Sport England is particularly grateful to partners who are supporting the Primary Spaces programme; the Department for Education; the Department for Culture; Media and Sport; the Department of Health; the Cabinet Office; the Association for Physical Education; County Sports Partnership Network and the Youth Sport Trust.

Developing the foundations of a sporting habit

The fund will provide outdoor multi-activity areas which can be used both within the curriculum and out of school hours. As well as providing sports facilities, staff and volunteers will receive information on how best to use the new facilities. This fund builds on and complements the Government's Primary PE and Sport Premium.

Schools receiving funding will select from a number of components and options which can be easily incorporated into small spaces on primary school sites. They are designed to be added to current playground areas to significantly enhance them.

Low cost
high aspirational
spaces

The fund aims to help schools make good use of relatively small spaces and provide facilities which are low cost but provide a degree of enclosure, colour and innovation that will:

- ▶ Inspire physical activity and participation by children
- ▶ Enable and encourage healthy activity
- ▶ Develop the foundations of a sporting habit for life through a great start in PE and sport



Eligibility criteria

Whilst we want to help as many schools as possible, we anticipate making awards to a maximum of 600 schools. Your school can apply for up to £30,000 and priority will be given to those primary schools that have little or no outside space which can currently be used for PE, sport or activity sessions.

The facility components are designed to fit on current hard surface areas and significantly enhance the space. It is not anticipated that any of the components will require planning permission. In order to apply for this fund you must have at least some outdoor hard surface space. This fund cannot be used for the purchase of land. The components have been designed to help schools make the best of the available space and therefore increase the impact of the Primary PE and Sport Premium funding.

► **Please read through the seven criteria here and consider if you are eligible for this fund**

- 01 ► You are an education establishment in England with pupils anywhere in the range of year 1 to year 6
- 02 ► Your school has no more than 2,000m² of grass space which is usable for PE, sport or activity
- 03 ► Your school has received no capital funding for the specific development of PE, sport or activity facilities in the last five years from; Sport England, your local authority, the Football Foundation or the Department for Education
- 04 ► Your school has evidence that the quality of outdoor space is limiting provision for PE, school sport and physical activity (ie asset management plan, school documentation, noted within Ofsted report, etc)
- 05 ► Your school is activated on the School Games website (www.yourschoolgames.com) and is using the Primary PE and Sport Premium (PE & Sport Grant) in a sustainable way
- 06 ► Your school is not part of the Priority Schools Building Programme
- 07 ► Your school has the consent of your controlling body to apply for this fund (ie local authority, academy chain, sponsor, governing body, etc) and can provide a letter to evidence this



Application process

It is intended that the application process is as simple as possible for schools to complete.

The application will be focused on three main themes:

- ▶ **The need:** evidencing the challenges at your school
- ▶ **The impact:** the improvements this new facility will make on provision for children and their participation
- ▶ **The added value:** partnerships and other important considerations

For each of the themes there will be a small number of carefully selected questions designed to be simple to complete and which will help us ensure that primary schools with the greatest need receive this funding.

More information about how we will assess your application can be found on our website (www.sportengland.org/primaryspaces).

Schools will be able to upload photos and other evidence in order to support your application.

We expect demand for Primary Spaces awards to be very high. Whilst we want to help as many schools as possible, we only anticipate making awards to a maximum of 600 schools and will have to make some difficult decisions. If the number of eligible projects that meet the criteria exceeds our budget we will prioritise projects to ensure an even geographic spread across England.

600

We anticipate making awards to a maximum of 600 schools.

Applications open –
Monday 24 February 2014

- ▶ **Follow our guidance on the next few pages to help you through the application process**



Initial stages of the application process

01 ▶

Review the eligibility criteria and check if you are able to apply
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i Having read the eligibility criteria, if you are still unsure if you are eligible, please contact 08458 508 508.

02 ▶

If you are eligible, consider carefully your available space, both the quality and quantity, before deciding if you wish to apply
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i Remember this fund is for schools with the greatest need.

03 ▶

If you intend to apply, register by clicking 'apply online' on the Primary Spaces page of the Sport England website
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i Available at:
www.sportengland.org/primaryspaces

04 ▶

You will receive confirmation of your registration and a username and password by email
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i If you do not receive this confirmation email after registering please contact 08458 508 508.

05 ▶

Review the dummy application form to consider the questions, this document also contains guidance points on each question
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i Check the guidance carefully as it has been constructed to support you in applying.

06 ▶

Gather all appropriate evidence in order to complete a high-quality application
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i Consider the guidance provided and provide the best evidence you have to support your application.

07 ▶

Complete your application online, uploading any supporting information
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i You may save your progress and return at a later point should you wish. If you experience any challenges in completing your application online please contact 08458 508 508.

Application deadline –
Monday 24 March 2014 at 5pm

Final stages of the application process

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Assessment of applications
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i This will be done by independent specialists to ensure the schools with the greatest need receive this funding.

09 ▶

Decisions are made and schools informed – end of May 2014
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i All schools will be informed of the result of their application, whether successful or not.

10 ▶

Successful schools receive paperwork to complete and return to Sport England to formally accept award
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i If you are successful in your application, this is the necessary paperwork required to formally accept the award.

11 ▶

Schools receiving awards are provided with a project manager who will help them co-ordinate with contractors and support the process right through to installation (this is provided at no cost to the school and not taken from the award amount)
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i The project manager will oversee the selection of contractor and ensure the quality of the new facility is of the standards specified.

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School receives activation guide resource
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i This is designed to support your planning for, and use of, the new enhanced facility.

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Facility installations begin – Summer 2014 (facility installation will be phased over the course of the following year but we will endeavour to get them completed as soon as possible)
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i Installations will be planned to avoid any disruption to the school day. The final stage of installation may be as late as Summer 2015 depending on scheduling.

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Payments are made to schools
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i Transfer of funding from Sport England in order for the contractor to be paid and the project completed. Remember, the school is liable for any VAT on the project and it is suggested you seek advice if you are unsure of your position regarding this.

▶ Further advice
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Throughout the application process it may be useful to visit the Primary Spaces page of the Sport England website which has information on the project. There is also a useful Frequently Asked Questions section which you may wish to consider.

Creating the right Primary Space for your school

Our aim is to make applying for a Primary Spaces award as straightforward as possible. The following pages have been designed to enable you to pick from a list of designs and layouts that can be adapted to suit your particular requirements without the need to do any research or contact contractors or suppliers.

This funding is designed to build on and complement the Primary PE and Sport Premium, so in considering what you may apply for please think about your overall PE and sport offer and the needs of the children in your school. In particular you might want to consider the guidance provided in the Physical Literacy Framework which is available at www.sportengland.org/primaryspaces.

The designs have been put together to provide an attractive and exciting facility that can be installed in your playground with the minimum of disruption, and the budget costs are based on a complete design and install service.



Innovative
and exciting
spaces

Simple and easy transformations

The various design options recognise that no two sites are the same and that space is always at a premium.

Please note that VAT has not been included in the brochure prices, any award received will not include VAT and schools are responsible for any VAT liability that may apply.



01 ▶ When applying, have a careful look around your playground and consider how you currently use it and how the space could be used more effectively.

Are there small areas that currently don't get used? Are there awkward shaped spaces or spaces between existing buildings that have always been under utilised?

02 ▶ Take some approximate dimensions and then browse through the brochure and pick the elements you feel best suit and fit your playground.

We have suggested four configurations but there are also a number of additional components and features that allow you to customise your design to suit the particular needs of your school. There are also several examples in the brochure which illustrate how the various components can fit almost any shape or size of space.

03 ▶ Having matched the spaces to the options in the brochure and your available budget, please make a note of the reference numbers and costs, together with any quantities, as these will be needed to fill out your online application.

While the options can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your school site the fund must be based on these options and cannot be used for alternative facility development.

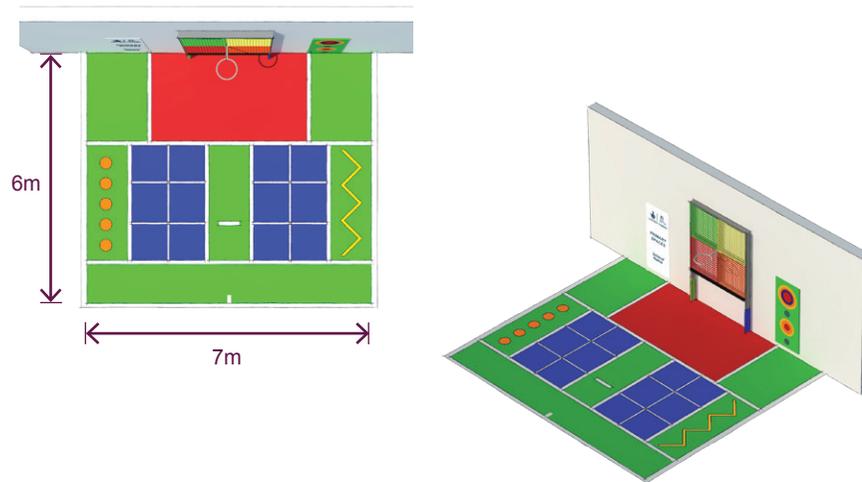
04 ▶ Schools should apply for £30,000 worth of options. You may apply for less, although this will not improve your chances of success.

You may also choose to install more than £30,000, however awards will be capped at £30,000 and therefore the school would be responsible for the cost of any additional items installed.



PS1 & PS2

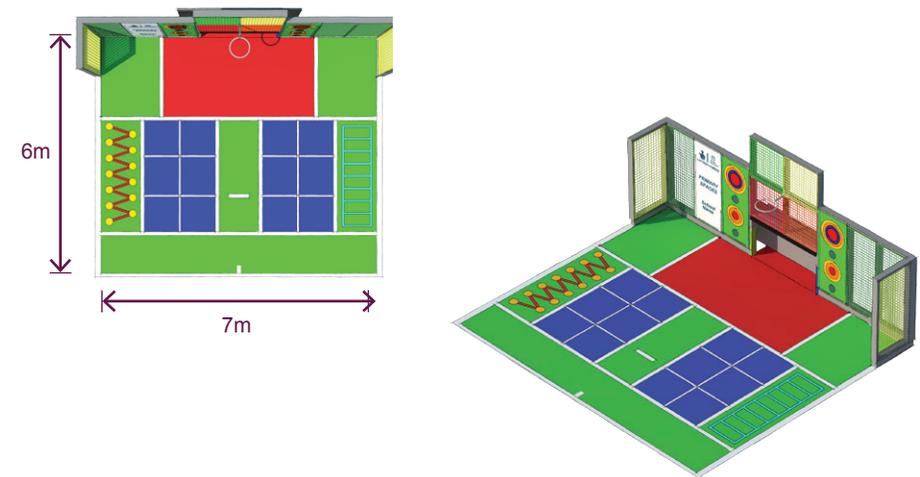
Primary Spaces



PS1

6m x 7m games space with activity surfacing and floor markings, wall mounted hoop and back panel, mini goal and graphics panel.

Total cost £11,500 each

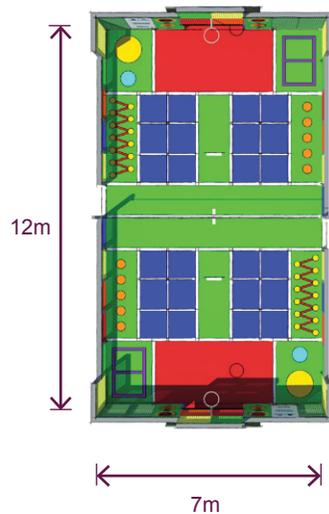


PS2

6m x 7m games space with activity surfacing and floor markings, free standing end enclosure, hoop and back panel, mini goal and graphics panel. The 'free standing end enclosure' can be positioned at the end of the space as shown or create a division between ball areas and non-ball areas.

Total cost £13,000 each

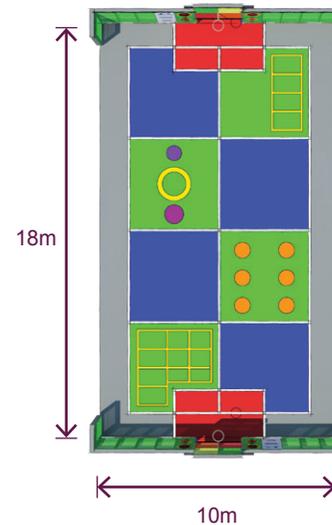
PS3 & PS4 Primary Spaces



PS3

12m x 7m games space with activity surfacing and floor markings, end and side enclosures, hoop and back panel, mini goals and graphics panel. The free standing end enclosure can be positioned at the end of the space as shown or create a division between ball areas and non-ball areas.

Total cost £19,000 each

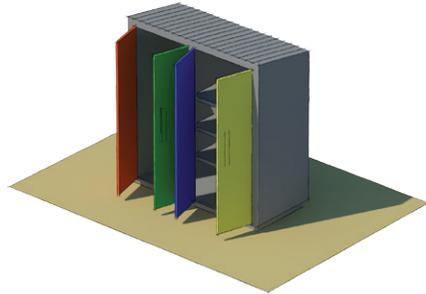


PS4

18m x 10m games space with activity surfacing and floor markings, end enclosures, hoop and back panel, mini goal and graphics panel. The free standing end enclosure can be positioned at the end of the space as shown or create a division between ball areas and non-ball areas.

Total cost £30,000 each

Additional items



PS5

PS5 – Storage unit

Description

Secure and weatherproof unit for the storage of equipment associated with the Primary Spaces activities.

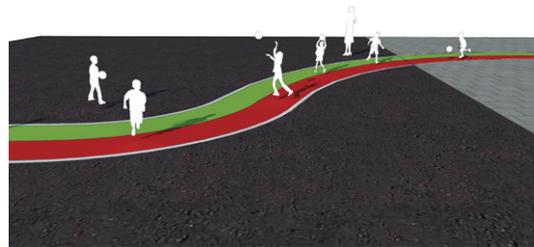
Dimensions

2.0m long x 0.9m deep x 1.9m high (approx.)

Specification

Constructed with powder coated metal framed and panelled enclosure. Lockable metal access doors, mono pitch roof. Storage unit set on level, raised plinth.

£900 each



PS6

PS6 – Activity track

Description

A defined route for various activities, forming an extension to and complementing other Primary Spaces components, providing a direct link between the games space and the selected school access points.

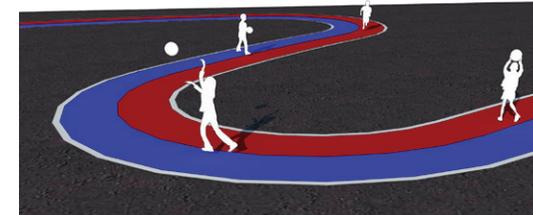
Dimensions

1.8m wide (2x parallel lanes of 0.9m) x length (The route and length of the track will be determined by the available playground space).

Specification

Synthetic Polymeric material applied to existing playground surfacing.

£125/ linear metre



PS7

PS7 – Meander trail

Description

A defined route for various activities around the playground which complements other Primary Spaces components linking the games space and the selected school access points.

Dimensions

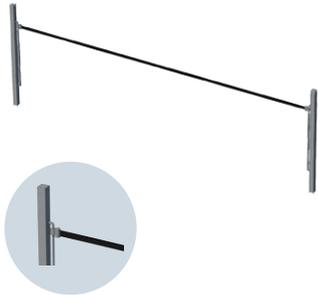
1.8m wide (2x parallel lanes of 0.9m) x length (The route and length of the trail will be determined by the available playground space).

Specification

Trail defined by painted parallel lanes of 0.9m each with varying solid colour infill between. All applied to existing playground surface.

£50/ linear metre

Additional items



PS8

PS8 – Net cord

Description

Height adjustable Tensa tape/cord for supervised bat and ball and volley games.

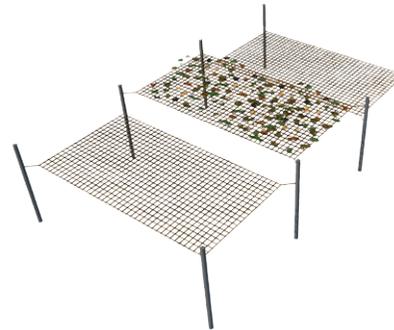
Dimensions

Full width of marked activity area with adjustable height between 0.6m to 2.0m.

Specification

Tensa retractable tape/cord suspended full width of marked activity area between powder coated metal posts.

£750 each



PS9

PS9 – Demountable cover

Description

Demountable/retractable suspended fabric or netting to provide partial enclosure and cover from sun and rain.

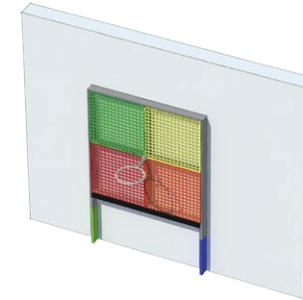
Dimensions

8.0m long x 4.5m wide x 3.0m high (approx.)

Specification

Netting / fabric suspended between powder coated metal posts. Suspension system to allow fabric to be demountable or retractable. Support post and retained fabric to allow clear uninterrupted activity area.

£4,000 each



PS10

PS10 – Net & hoop

Description

Wall mounted or freestanding hoop and back panels with mini goal below.

Dimensions

Main frame – 2.0m wide x 3.6m high.

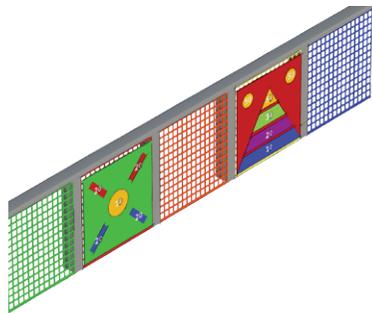
Mini goal – 2.0m wide x 1.2m high (approx.)

Specification

Powder coated metal frame. Coloured infill panels to be powder coated mesh or solid laminate (as required). Hoop mounted centrally at 2.6m high. Impact padding to mini goal crossbar. Frame to be mounted on a suitable existing external wall surface or free standing. The multi coloured back panels can be adapted to provide a range of targets and zones at differing heights for developing aiming and shooting skills.

£4,000 each

Additional items



PS11

PS11 – Metal fence

Description

Low level fencing to provide enclosure of the activity space and ball rebound surfaces.

Dimensions

1.2m high x perimeter distance (determined by area of activity surface as required).

Specification

Powder coated metal frame intermediate posts and top rail fixed to existing surfacing. Coloured infill panels with either powder coated mesh on sub framing or solid laminate as required. All to suit local aesthetics.

£450/ linear metre



PS12

PS12 – Timber fence

Description

Low level fencing to provide enclosure of the activity space and ball rebound surfaces.

Dimensions

1.2m high x perimeter distance (determined by area of activity surface as required).

Specification

Treated timber frame intermediate posts and top rail fixed to existing surfacing. Natural timber or coloured infill panels with either powder coated mesh on sub framing or solid laminate as required. All to suit local aesthetics.

£300/ linear metre



PS13

PS13 – End wall

Description

'L' shaped end wall providing enclosure and rebound surfaces adjacent net/hoop/mini goal.

One solid laminate logo panel and one graphics panel per end wall with remaining infill options of coloured mesh.

Dimensions

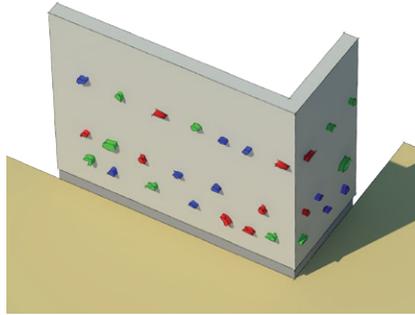
All panels 2.4m high x overall length 3.75m (2.5m + 1.25m 'L' shape).

Specification

Powder coated metal frame fixed to existing surfacing. Coloured infill panels with either powder coated mesh or solid laminate as required.

£2,000 each

Additional items



PS14

PS14 – Traversing bouldering wall

Description

'L' shaped free standing wall providing vertical surface with 'bouldering' fittings attached.

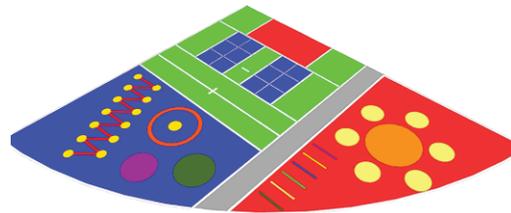
Dimensions

All panels 2.4m high x overall length 3.75m (2.5m + 1.25m 'L' shape) approx.

Specification

Powder coated metal frame fixed to existing surfacing. Coloured solid laminate infill panels with 'bouldering' foot and hand hold fittings fixed to vertical surface. Foot holds to be maximum 0.6m high from external surface.

£1,800 each



PS15

PS15 – Activity surfacing

Description

Surfacing provided to match and supplement the main activity area.

Dimensions

Surface area is variable dependent on available playground space.

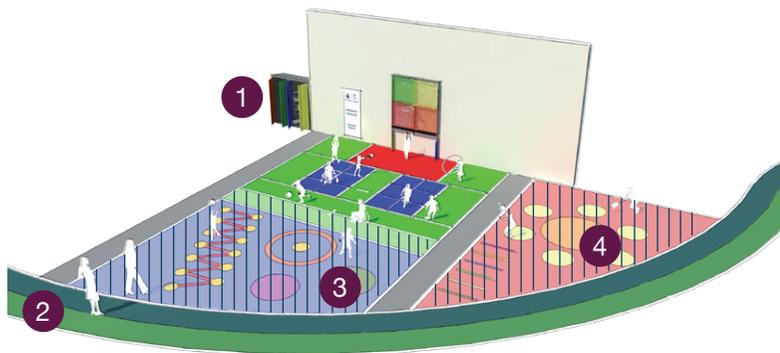
Specification

Synthetic Polymeric material (available in various colours) applied to existing playground surfacing. Surface markings / coloured areas as required.

£100/ m²

Example 1 Primary Spaces

This example combines a 7m x 6m games space with an additional skills area.



- 1 PS5 Storage unit

- 2 PS6 30m Activity track

- 3 PS15 Additional activity surface 27m²

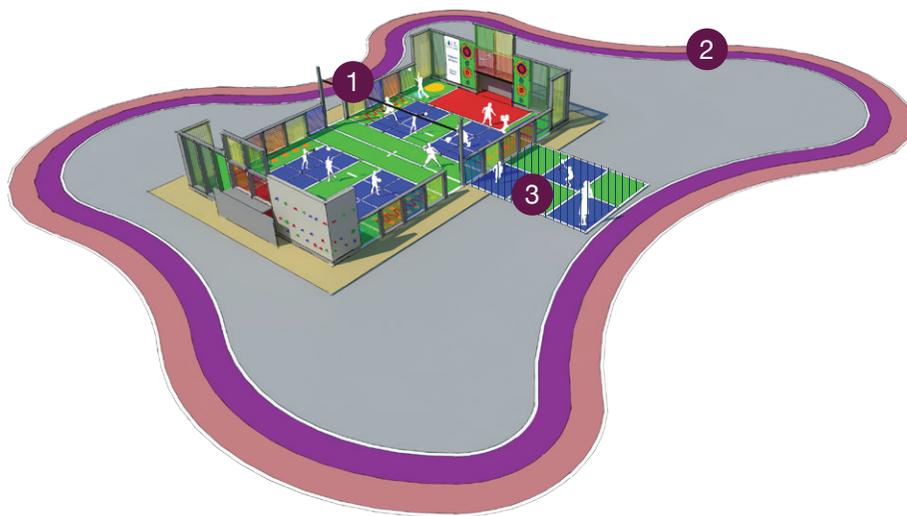
- 4 PS15 Additional activity surface 39m²



PS1	£11,500
PS5 Storage unit	£900
PS6 Activity track 30m long @ £125/m	£3,750
PS15 Additional activity surfacing 66m ² @ £100/m ²	£6,600
Total	£22,750

Example 2 Primary Spaces

This example shows a meander trail could create a border around a games space which could be located along with informal activity area where free play and non-ball activities can be situated.



- 1 PS8 Net cord

- 2 PS7 Meander trail

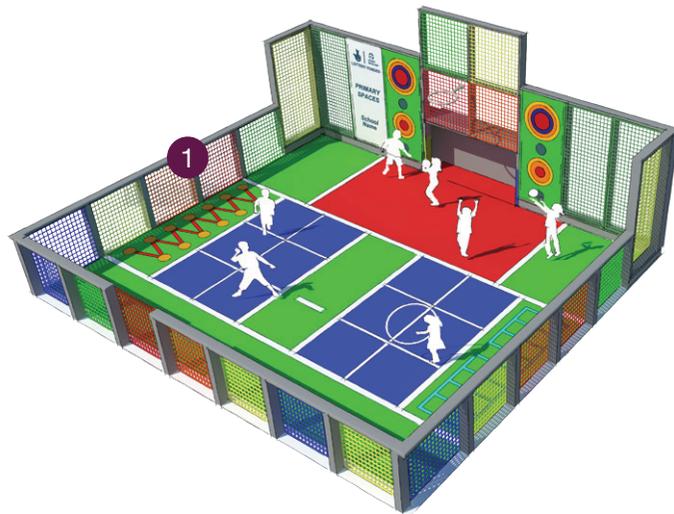
- 3 PS15 Additional activity surface 20m²



PS3	£19,000
PS7 Meander trail 98.6m @ £50/m	£4,930
PS8 Net cord	£750
PS15 Additional activity surfacing 20m ² @ £100/m ²	£2,000
Total	£26,680

Example 3 Primary Spaces

The addition of informal markings creates a skill area to develop balance, stability and agility.



1 PS11 – Metal fence

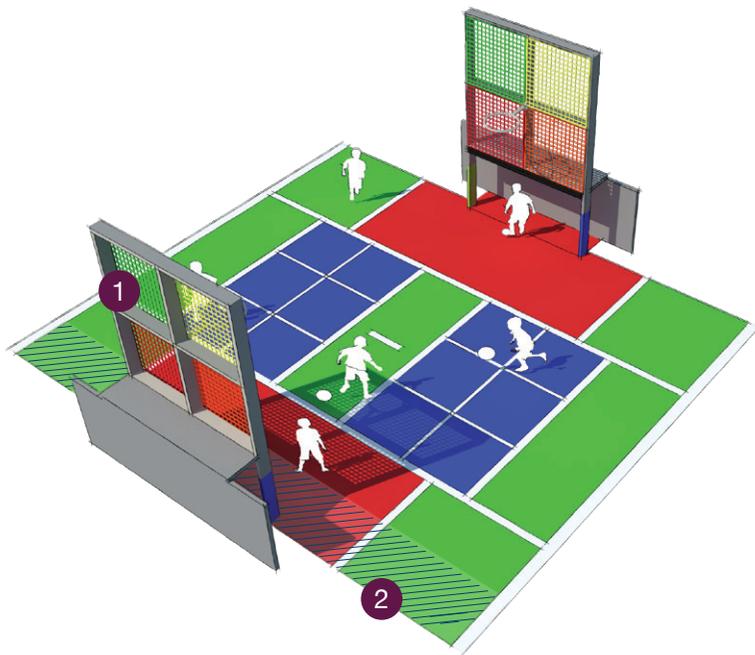


PS2	£13,000
PS11 Perimeter fence 14.2m long @ £450/m	£6,390
PS15 Additional activity surfacing 66m ² @ £100/m ²	£6,600
Total	£19,390

Example 4

Primary Spaces

The design demonstrates that by the addition of a net hoop and surfacing, a small games area can be created for developing aiming and shooting skills.



- 1 PS10 – Net & hoop
- 2 PS15 – Additional activity surface 5.25m²



PS1	£11,500
PS10 Net & hoop (freestanding)	£4,000
PS15 Additional activity surfacing 5.25m ² @ £100/m ²	£525
Total	£16,025

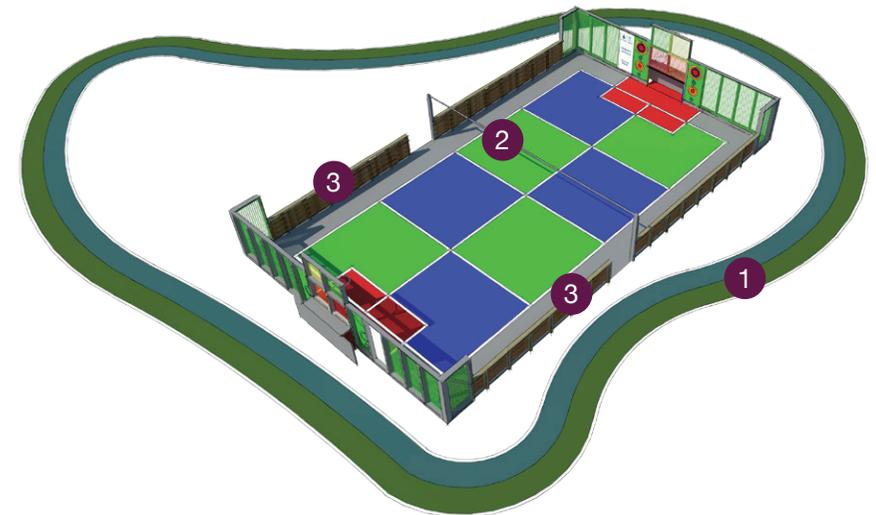
Examples 5 & 6

Primary Spaces

These designs show potential large facilities, although please note, if the total budget of your project exceeds £30,000 your school will be expected to meet the difference.



	PS4	£30,000
1	PS6 Activity Track 71m long @ £125/m	£8,875
2	PS8 Net Cord	£750
3	PS11 Metal Fence 22.8m long @ £450/m	£10,260
	Total	£49,885



	PS4	£30,000
1	PS7. Meander Trail 94m @ £50/m	£4,700
2	PS8 Net Cord	£750
3	PS12. Timber Fence 22.8m long @ £300/m	£6,840
	Total	£42,290

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A comprehensive FAQ section is included on the Primary Spaces web pages and will be updated throughout the programme.

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