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**NAME OF SCHOOL GIVEN FUNDING BOOST TO IMPROVE OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES**

NAME OF SCHOOL is set for a major boost after it was successful in gaining ADD AMOUNT OF FUNDING to develop new outdoor sports facilities at its site.

The funding is part of Sport England’s £18m National Lottery funded Primary School Facilities Fund which is helping more schools to provide outdoor multi-activity play areas across the country.

The investment is designed to support those schools which are in greatest need of facility improvements and will benefits both pupils at the school and the local community who will have access outside school hours.

At NAME OF SCHOOL the new investment will go towards ADD DETAIL OF HOW THIS FUNDING IS GOING TO BE USED

HEADTEACHER AT SCHOOL, SAID: ADD A QUOTE HERE THAT GIVES A RESPONSE TO THE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT AND AN INDICATION OF HOW THE FACILTITIES AT THE SCHOOL WILL BE IMPROVED

Nick Bitel, Sport England Chair, said: “Having the right space to play sport and be physically active as a child is vitally important. We are delighted to be investing this funding in NAME OF SCHOOL to improve the spaces that will give children the space to start enjoying PE and sport.

Sebastian Coe, CH KBE, the Prime Minister’s Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Ambassador, added: “A positive first experience of PE and sport at primary school is crucial to encouraging young people to be active throughout their lives, but for those schools with little or no outside space this can be extremely challenging to deliver.

“This funding will provide better outdoor multi-activity play areas at NAME OF SCHOOL that can be used both within the curriculum and outside school hours by local communities. I am convinced this will boost the opportunities for young people to be physically active.

This fund builds on and complements the Government’s commitment of over £450 million to schools until 2016 under the Primary PE and Sport Premium..

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**Notes to Editors**

**Primary School Facilities Fund**

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 facility.

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

ADD CONTACT THAT MEDIA SHOULD CONTACT AT THE SCHOOL FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.