



## School Club Link Questions and Answers

**Question:**

I have tried to contact the local school/club we are targeting for the link, but have not been able to get through to the right person/arrange a meeting. What should I do?

**Answer:**

Both Teachers and club committee members are extremely busy people and this should be recognised from the outset. School hours are often not compatible with club hours due to the fact that most clubs are run by volunteers, many of whom have a fulltime job during the day. At least one meeting will need to take place to agree the plans for the link. In order to achieve this both the club and school must be flexible in terms of dates/times to meet. If you are unable to get through to the right person at the club/school please contact Berks and Bucks FA

**Question:**

The club coach is not available to deliver session after school or during school hours as they work full time. How can we set up a school club links?

**Answer:**

You could consider utilising school sport leaders or independent paid coaches to deliver the link sessions. Berks & Bucks FA School Club Link funding may be able to support you

**Question:**

As a club how do we ensure that our link is inclusive and accessible to all young people?

**Answer:**

The English Federation of Disability Sport has recently launched a new resource entitled: The Inclusion Club Hub. For more information please visit <http://www.inclusion-club-hub.co.uk/>

Berks and Bucks Offer a range of courses and workshops in this area please visit [www.Berks-BucksFA.com](http://www.Berks-BucksFA.com) or contact us 01367 246823

**Question:**

How can I ensure that the club/coaches involved offer a safe sports environment?

**Answer:**

Ideally your targeted club will have Charter Standard (Club Mark) if the club does not have Charter Standard please contact Berks & Bucks FA for advice on how to proceed. Coaches involved in the link must be suitably qualified and should be observed by a member of school staff. The school will need to assure itself that the club it is linking to is well managed.

**Question:**

What type of support is available for setting up school club links?

**Answer:**

Berks and Bucks FA can provide information on funding opportunities.



**Question:**

Do you have any examples of the tangible things that can occur in a good school/club link?

**Answer:**

School circulates club information on forthcoming activities/events to all or selected year groups and vice versa

- Use of school/club notice boards, newsletters, website to advertise activities/events
- Individual and team successes celebrated in school assemblies
- Club activates fundraiser for PTA or vice-versa or joint funding applications
- Club facility and equipment used to host events for schools and or feeder primaries or vice-versa
- Participation in school club link days