



Nearly There



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ASF – Getting Started

These topics were covered at the last training event.



[Getting Started slideshow](#)

Priority PE Strand

Professional Development

'Active Break Every Day' Challenge

Active Calendar Events

Pupil Leadership

Supports and Resources

ASF Resources



WALKWAY
Webinar



Run Around
IRELAND



April 26–30, 2021

Active
School Week

ASF – *Nearly There*

This workshop is for schools that are *well advanced* with the process, and hoping to apply for the ASF before the end of 2021.

Land PAWS

What Clubs Are You In?

Pupil and Parent Questionnaires

ASF Criteria: COVID-Adaptations

ASF Accreditation Process:

COVID-Adaptations

Readiness to Apply



Accreditation Process 20/21

Screening

APPLICATION Form

✓ Success Criteria Physical Education

✓ Success Criteria Physical Activity

✓ Success Criteria Partnerships

✓ Success Criteria Active School Week



ASSESSMENT = Application Form + Website/PPT

Acceptable Usage Policy

Please note: Any usage of digital learning technology (DLT), or postings on the school website or social media to promote ASF should be in line with the school's own Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP). The AUP should be updated/reviewed to align with the school's engagement with the Active School Flag.



Please DO NOT submit your application without adequate evidence on your school website/PPT.

IMPORTANT Dates

- ▶ You can submit your application form at any point in the year once you have completed the ASF process.
- ▶ If your application form is received before **May 14th** and does not receive a request for further information/development, we will do our very best to ensure that your accreditation phone call is scheduled before the end of June.
- ▶ We will continue to process applications after May 14th, and we may be able to accommodate accreditation phone calls, but we cannot guarantee it.
- ▶ We will stop processing applications on **June 18th**. You are free to submit your application after that date but it will not be processed until screening resumes at the start of October.

Screening

Approved

If the combination of your application form and website provide the screening committee with sufficient evidence that your school is fulfilling all of the ASF success criteria then an ASF accreditor will follow up directly with you to arrange an accreditation phone call.

Further Information

A 'Request for Further Information' will be sent out to your school if the information in your application form is vague or if information is missing from your website.

Further Development

A 'Request for Further Development' will be sent if the committee feel that greater time is required for the ASF process to become fully established in your school.

INSUFFICIENT Information

Your application will be returned if your application form and website do not provide the screening committee with enough information to assess your application.

Accreditation Phone Call

1. Once your application is approved by the ASF Screening Committee an ASF accreditor will contact your school to agree a date and time for the accreditation phone call.
2. The accreditor will review both your application form and your school website/PPT in advance of the accreditation call.
3. 30-45 minutes should be allowed for the accreditation phone call, which *may need to be scheduled during the school day*. During the call the accreditor will bring you through each of the 4 sections of the application form to chat about your school's engagement with the ASF process.
4. Tá glaochanna an chreidiúnaithe don BSG ar fáil i nGaeilge.
5. After the call, the accreditor will complete/return their accreditation report to the screening committee.

Further Development Required

If, after the accreditation call, it becomes evident that your school requires further time to complete the process, you will be contacted by a member of the ASF team, with advice and guidance.

Flag Awarded

Successful schools will be contacted by a member of the ASF team. Schools will also receive a confirmation email which will include:

- An electronic version of the ASF certificate.
- Information about maintaining ASF.
- A short, anonymous, online feedback questionnaire.

ASF flags will be posted out to schools, as quickly as possible after ASF is awarded.

Please note: Renewal schools that attended both *Getting Started* and *Nearly There* will receive their ASF outdoor banners in September 2021.

Any Questions?





Physical Education

Success Criteria

Our school teaches the PAWS Water Safety Programme at one class level.

About PAWS

Water Safety Ireland has created an educational resource for primary schools called PAWS (Primary Aquatics Water Safety). The programme:

- ▶ Teaches children how to be safe around water in homes, farms, pools, beaches and on our waterways.
- ▶ Provides English and Irish digital lesson books for each class band with interactive puzzles to match.
- ▶ Outlines life-saving guidelines for children of every age.
- ▶ Can be delivered in just a few hours of class time and on completion, each class can receive an Water Safety Ireland's Primary Aquatics Water Safety Certificate.
- ▶ Incorporates all aspects of the physical education aquatics strand of the primary school curriculum.



[Find Out More](#)

www.activeschooflag.ie

COVID Adaptations

ASF Criteria	COVID-Adaptations
<p>Members of staff have undertaken CPD in Physical Education <i>during the past 12 months</i>. New knowledge, ideas and resources have been shared out amongst staff members.</p>	<p>▶ Attendance at PDST PE and IPPEA webinars held during 20/21 will fulfil this criterion.</p>
<p>Please Note: CPD in physical education and the whole school development work in the priority PE strand must be completed prior to submitting your application form.</p>	

Evidence Checklist

ASF Criteria

Website/PPT/Slides

All pupils are provided with 60 minutes timetabled PE every week.

Statement/PE Timetable

All classes are taught at least 5 different PE strands every year.

Statement/Plean Bliana
Photos

All teachers work together to strengthen their delivery of a different PE strand every year.

Statement re- PE Strand
Photos

Our school teaches the Land PAWS water safety programme at one or more class levels every year.

Statement
Photos

Our PE equipment and resources are clearly labelled, well organised and accessible.

Photos

All teachers, using the *Move Well, Move Often* resources prioritise 4, or more, fundamental movement skills for further development within their PE programme every year (**renewal schools**).

Statement, Plean Bliana
Grid, Photos, PDST Posters
etc.

Any Questions?





Physical Activity

COVID Adaptations

ASF Criteria	COVID-Adaptations
Our school facilitates the use of equipment during break times.	▶ ASF recognises that this activity may not be possible this year, therefore this is not an obligatory criterion for applications received during 20/21.
Our school trains pupils as Playground Leaders.	▶ ASF recognises that this activity may not be possible this year, therefore this is not an obligatory criterion for applications received during 20/21.
Please Note: If these activities were organised in your school during 19/20, and there is evidence of same on your school website, then you should reference this in your application form.	

Evidence Checklist

ASF Criteria

Website/PPT/Slides

Our school facilitates the use of playground equipment*

Photos

Our school trains pupils as playground leaders*

Photos

Our school created an Active School WALKWAY route and uses it to promote physical activity and cross-curricular learning

School map, challenge charts, photos etc.

Every class completed the 'Active Break Every Day' challenge, as a whole school initiative, over a period of 4 weeks this year

Photos, challenge charts etc.

Every class completed the 'Run a Day' challenge, as a whole school initiative, over a period of 4 weeks this year

Photos, challenge charts etc.

Our school incorporates physical activity into annual events

Photos

Every class has agreed upon a set of 3 or more actions to decrease sedentary time. (renewal schools)

Photos, Charts etc.

Any Questions?





Partnerships

Success Criteria

Senior pupils conducted a 'What clubs are you in?' survey to find out about physical activity opportunities in the local community.

What Clubs Are You In?

- ▶ Ideal Maths project for 5th/6th class.
- ▶ Pie chart and bar chart graphs to illustrate results.



Success Criteria

Our school emailed the Local Sports Partnership to find out about opportunities for young people, of all abilities and their families to get active in their local community.

Our school emailed the local HSE Health Promotion Officer to find out about their schools' physical activity programmes, teacher training, resource materials and local support.

Our school emailed the local Sports Inclusion Disability Officer to find out how we can become more inclusive as a school in terms of the PE and physical activity opportunities that we offer.

Renewal Criteria

Our school distributed the ASF PUPIL and PARENT questionnaires, discussed the findings and acted upon the feedback.



ASF PUPIL Questionnaire



ASF PARENT Questionnaire



Ceistneoir DALTA



Ceistneoir TUISMITHEOIRÍ

ASF Questionnaires

- ▶ All questionnaires should be completed and returned anonymously.
- ▶ Online questionnaires, circulated through communication platforms with families, are recommended.
- ▶ The ASF questionnaires provided are *exemplars*. Schools are free to adapt to suit their own needs.

COVID Adaptations

ASF Criteria	COVID-Adaptations
Our school gives pupils many and varied ASF leadership roles.	▶ ASF recognises that schools may be more limited in the leadership roles that they can assign to pupils this year. Therefore, this is not an obligatory criterion for applications received during 20/21.
Please Note: If a greater range of leadership roles were assigned to children during 19/20, and there is evidence of same on your school website, then you should reference this in your application form.	

Evidence Checklist

ASF Criteria

Website/PPT/Slides

We worked together as a school to find and agree an Active School slogan.

Slogan

Our school established an ASF committee at the start of the process.*

Photos

Our school gives pupils many and varied pupil leadership roles.*

Photos

Senior pupils conducted a *What clubs are you in?* survey to find out about the physical activity opportunities in the local community.

Noticeboard, graphs etc.

Our school distributed the ASF pupil questionnaire, discussed the findings and acted upon the feedback.

For discussion by phone

Our school distributed the ASF parent questionnaire, discussed the findings and acted upon the feedback.

For discussion by phone

Any Questions?



#ASW21

Active School Week

COVID Adaptations

ASF Criteria	COVID-Adaptations
Our school organises a whole school FUN event during #ASW.	▶ ASF recognises that this activity may not be possible this year, therefore this is not an obligatory criterion for applications received during 20/21.
Our school invites parents to participate in #ASW activities.	▶ ASF recognises that this activity may not be possible this year, therefore this is not an obligatory criterion for applications received during 20/21.

Evidence Checklist

ASF Criteria

Website/PPT/Slides

Every class teacher uses the WALKWAY route to promote physical activity in a cross-curricular way during #ASW.

Photos, challenge charts etc.

Our school organises Teacher Challenges as part of the #ASW programme.

#ASW21 Daily Challenges Chart, photos etc.

Our school invites local sports clubs and physical activity providers to share online activities and challenges during #ASW.

#ASW21 Daily Challenges Chart, photos, videos etc.

Any Questions?



Good Luck!



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