

Dear Head Teacher

We are Badminton England, the national governing body for badminton in England, and we are responsible for all levels of badminton across the country from grassroots to elite performance. I am writing to ask for your help in supporting a return to play for our sport by opening your facility again to your local community.

We appreciate how challenging a time this is for you as a school, for your staff and for your pupils, but we also recognise the significant role sport plays, not just during the school day, but also out of school, in respect of the health and well-being of local communities.

Badminton is a sport that offers so much to your local community, but those who either play, or wish to play badminton, are facing significant challenges in accessing a facility to allow them to be active.

School and educational facilities are hugely important to local communities and they are to us as a sport. Over half of all our clubs play within a school facility and would not be able to survive without this support. We are pleased to see a number of schools reopen their doors again and welcome back their badminton clubs. We would really appreciate your help by opening up your facility again to your local badminton clubs, in working collaboratively with them to help them return to play and in allowing your local community to get back to playing the sport they love.

We appreciate you may have concerns over safety because of reopening. To alleviate these concerns, Badminton England is proud of the work we have done, in partnership with the Government and public health officials, to ensure Covid secure environments that demonstrate our sport is safe to return and can follow government guidelines. We have produced detailed guidance and training for our clubs, coaches, and players to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities in organising and managing safe and Covid secure sessions. This guidance, and an overview of the stipulations that have been put in place, can be found on our website www.badmintonengland.co.uk/return-to-play/. If there is any support you need to be able to do this please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are confident the implementation of this comprehensive, return to play guidance, along with the hard work of our invaluable volunteer workforce, will allow your school to reopen to the local community outside of the school day, and to continue to play its part in the health, well-being, and physical activity of local people.

We very much appreciate your continued support for our sport.

Yours faithfully



Adrian Christy
Chief Executive