

Bullers Wood School for Boys Community Use Statement 2016

Bullers Wood School for Boys will provide the local community with outstanding educational facilities. A new school in a brand new building also has the potential to benefit, as well as to serve the local community through the letting out of its amenities.

Moreover, it will also bring valuable extra income into the School especially at a time when budgets are being squeezed and where the expectation for schools is to be much more resourceful and flexible in their approaches to generating additional revenue.

Given that we will have brand new facilities from September 2018, we anticipate that there will be local community interest and we are committed to supporting appropriate after-hours use of our facilities for Sports, Health, Community Group and Educational purposes.

We have no desire, interest or plans for after-hours social use of Bullers Wood School for Boys such as weddings, parties etc.

Past Community Use of the School Site

- Football coaching
- Primary school Events such as Sports days (we can offer this again to Primary schools)
- Moon Watch – Local Astrological Society (will re-establish this on the site)
- Summer School Football Coaching
- Local (neighbours) Running Group Practice

Current Community use of the Site:

Bromley 228 Squadron Air Training Cadets

Monday's	18:30 – 21:30 hrs
Wednesday's	18:30 – 21:30 hrs
Saturday's	09:00 – 13:00 hrs (occasional Saturday use)

The ATC has a long-standing tradition of operating from St. Hugh's Playing Fields having operated from the site for the last 35 years. This year the Squadron celebrated its 75th anniversary and we are committed to ensuring that the Squadron continues to thrive and have a home with us in the new school. We have had several discussions with the Squadron and are implementing plans to bring it into the heart of the School. The ATC will operate, in the first instance from the temporary building and then from the permanent building once completed. This will provide the ATC with better facilities than those currently enjoyed.

The ATC use the site for their regular meetings that include drill, parade practice, adventure training, field craft and sports such as football, rugby, cricket, athletics, cross-country running etc. The Squadron also run the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme and deliver a number of educational qualifications including BTECs. Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 are able to join.

Bickley Park Forest School

Since September 2014, Bickley Park School has used the site during term time on Thursdays and Fridays for their Forest School. The area that the children currently use will remain undeveloped. Therefore, it will continue to be used by them in order to support their outdoor learning provision. The new building will provide the children with access to toilets and use of classrooms. The building will provide us with the scope to broaden this offer and further our links with primary schools in the local community.

Potential Facilities for After-Hours Use (see demarcated areas on attached plans)

- School Field (daylight hours only)
- Sports Hall
- Dining Hall
- Main Hall with Bleacher seating
- Activity Studio
- Drama Studio
- Music Suite
- General Classrooms
- IT & Technology Classrooms

Potential Community Usage

The demand for and type of after-hours community use has yet to be determined. However, based on the kinds of facilities that will be available in the new school, our thinking is that we would be able to accommodate the following activities:

**Please note that these are examples only*

Sports

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Netball
- Hockey
- Football
- Rugby
- Cricket
- Martial Arts
- Fencing

Health

- Yoga
- Slimming clubs
- Dance
- Pilates
- Zumba
- Other exercise classes

Community Groups

- Scouts/cubs
- Drama Clubs
- Theatre Schools
- Music Groups
- Summer School Sports & Activities Programmes

Educational

- Adult Education Classes – range of academic, practical and aesthetic subjects
- Summer School Programmes

- Summer Schools such as EXEL (Cultural and language experiences for Japanese and Chinese students staying with host families)

Terms of Lettings

The terms of our lettings will be set out in our Lettings Policy, which will be finalised prior to us moving in to the permanent building. However, our general principles will be:

- Facilities will be available to hire between 17:00 – 21:30 hrs Mondays to Thursdays and from 09:00 – 12:30 hrs on Saturdays. The site and premises will be closed during the Christmas School Holiday period as well as Bank Holidays
- Hiring will be extended to daily use during other school holiday breaks from 09:00 – 16:00
- Each letting will be agreed and vetted by the Business Manager and Headteacher
- The Lettings Policy will be implemented, managed and monitored by the Business Manager
- It will include a detailed pricing policy which will also include a cost to cover public liability insurance
- The policy will include a compliance clause in order to ensure that hirers give consideration to local residents and in the case of complaints will be at risk of losing their deposits
- The Business and Site Managers will be available to be contacted in the event of any problem
- A member of the site team will be present at all times during a letting for security purposes
- Lettings will be limited to the ground and first floors of the School
- Parking will be provided within the school grounds - the expectation is that most people will access the site by public transport
- In the case of single and multiple lettings, there will be a limitation on numbers in order to ensure that all vehicles can be accommodated on the site