

A who's who guide to schools

When linking with your local school it is vital to meet with the best person. Once you have established contact, arrange a meeting to discuss judo, the School 2 Dojo programme, Clubmark, and some information about your club especially if you have members attending the school.

County Sports Partnership (CSP)

This is the source of all information regarding community sport in your area. They will be linked to schools, sports clubs, Local Authority Sports Development Units and Volunteer Centres.

They will also have a website where you can put your club details, a Club and Coach Development Officer for generic courses and information on young volunteers looking for placements, for example.

Sports College

Some High Schools have a long tradition in specific subjects and have achieved Specialist status. A Sports College, as the name suggests, have proved a history of delivering and embedding sport into their whole school curriculum and being a focus point for the local community.

A Sports College will be a hub for a School Sport Partnership and have a Partnership Development Manager based at the school.

Some Sports College's have a Community Officer which is an additional contact to make especially if they do facility bookings, they might also double up as the School Sport Co-ordinator.

Director of Sport

If your local school includes a Specialist Sports College, the Director of Sport will oversee all aspects of Physical Education in their school and links with the local community.

Partnership Development Manager (PDM)

One of the most influential people when linking schools with a community sports club. The PDM oversees a partnership of secondary schools with their feeder primary schools in a local area. They also build an annual plan of physical activity for their 50+ schools, if capacity allows you try to get your judo club involved in anyway

High School

Contact the Deputy Head, Head of PE or School Sport Co-Ordinator (SSCo). The SSSCo will be the best person to start with as they are linked into the School Sport Partnership. They will have a minimum of two days per week that is off timetable and better to hold meetings etc.

Primary School

Contact the Headteacher or the Primary Link Teacher for PE. The Primary Link Teacher will have designated time in which to conduct their communications with the School Sport Partnership.