



Case study: SURBITON HC RETURN TO PLAY INITIATIVE, March 2021

Rationale: When children went back to PE lessons and school playgrounds as part of the nationwide return to schools on Monday 8th March, we knew that some children would continue to have limited opportunity to access sport with a three week delay until the restart of grassroots activities. The team of SHC coaches are delivering specialist free hockey coaching sessions to inspire and activate kids in Kingston & Elmbridge to help bridge this gap. Surbiton HC have been instrumental in providing the coaches and the funding to enable this to take place.

Programme Statistics:

- 130 hours of coaching
- 1600 children
- 12 state schools from our local boroughs

"Our pupils are so glad to get back to playing sport – their faces lit up when they found out about the hockey sessions!" Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School



As a result of the additional coverage generated for the work Surbiton Hockey Club and SHC Community Projects do with schools in the local area to increase access to hockey, we have already had a number of enquiries about continuing with hockey in the Summer Term 2021, as well as some new schools booking in for blocks of coaching.

At many of these schools, we deliver coaching on a playground / concrete area or a muga. We hope to be able to expand opportunities for more children to play on an artificial astro turf hockey pitch at Surbiton HC to improve their experience of the game even further.

As usual, we also plan to host a number of festivals and tournaments in the Summer Term and we expect many of the schools which have accessed our free hockey coaching programme to attend, providing children with the opportunity to put the skills they have learnt into practice in gameplay.