What are School Sports Partnerships

School Sports Partnerships (SSP) are groups of schools working together to develop PE and Sport Opportunities for all young people.

Each partnership is managed by a Partnership Development Manager (PDM) who is based at the local sports college/hub site.

The PDM works alongside Government departments, County Councils, County Sports Partnerships and Sports Development units to raise the profile and participation of 5—19 year olds in their area.

The PDM manages SSCos based in secondary schools. SSCos are released 2 days a week to support the PDM achieving positive outcomes in their school and family of schools. Primary schools nominate a Primary Link Teacher who is in charge of PE in their school, and are supported by both PDM and SSCos

Dacorum School Sports Partnership

Dacorum School Sports Partnership is one of 12 in Hertfordshire and is the biggest with 9 Secondary schools 2 Middle schools and 54 primary first, junior and infant schools.

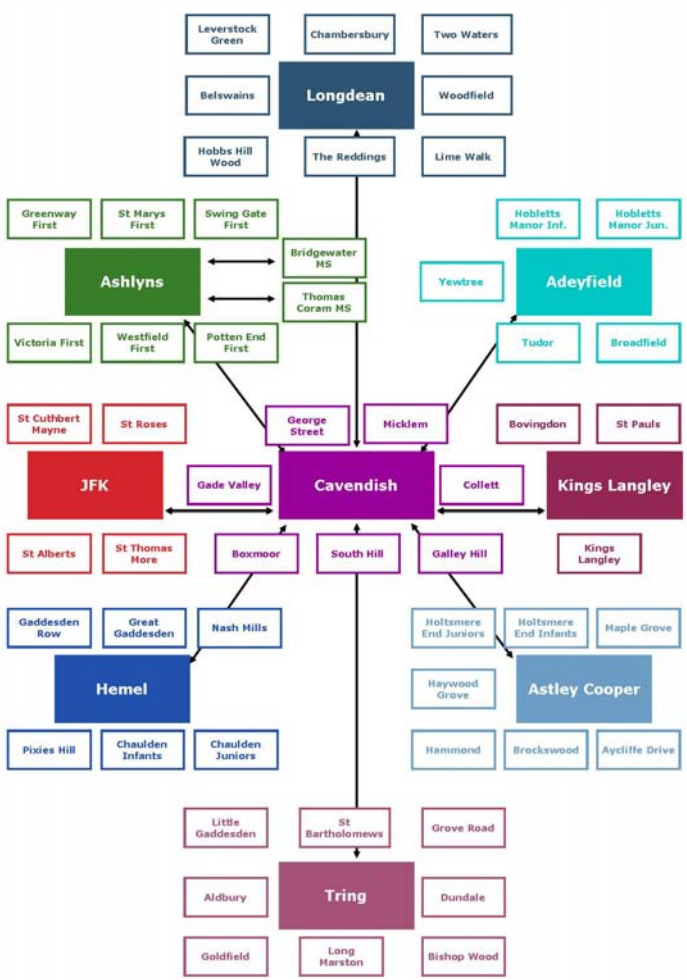
Clare McCawley—PDM

Clare Mc Cawley has worked as a PDM for 6 years and specifically in Dacorum since 2006. Clare is based at The Cavendish School, a designated Sports College.

If you would like to find out more about the Partnership, advertise your company or sponsor an event please contact Clare on 01442 278737.

Dacorum School Sports Partnership Mission Statement

To develop partnerships that will raise standards by providing opportunities for high quality physical education, sport and leadership. To benefit young people and encourage lifelong participation in physical activity.



Aims and objective of SSPs

Partnerships work towards Government set targets. The recently formed PE and Sport Strategy for Young People (PESSYP) aims to enhance the take up of sporting opportunities by 5—16 year olds. The ambition is for each child to have access to five hours a week by 2011. This should be made up of two hours physical education within the curriculum and three hours offered on school sites or in the community.

Partnerships have 5 key areas of development:

- Provision of High Quality PE for all students.
- Provision for all Young People to Participate in a range of high quality activities on a school site.
- Opportunities for all young people to access a range of high quality activities in a community environment.
- Provision for all young people to develop their potential.
- Provision for young people to undertake high quality Leadership and volunteering roles.