



## THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

Dear Nat,

I wanted to write to thank you for all your support this year and for your School's engagement in the School Games programme. Through this you have offered a range of opportunities in PE, Sport and Physical Activity for all children in your school.

In recognition of this work I am delighted to award Nursling Primary the Youth Sport Trust (YST) Certificate of Recognition for on-going commitment and achievement in the School Games programme during the Autumn and Spring Terms. I have attached a copy of the certificate and badge.



Due to a number of factors YST decided to suspend School Games Mark for this year. I am aware that many schools were disappointed about this as they use the Award, not only to celebrate what has been achieved, but also as a tool for development and in some cases as a professional measure.

The decision was taken to maintain the integrity of the award. Not only has the Coronavirus caused disruption but prior to this many partnerships were badly hit by the floods. It was also recognised that to give any award for the first half of the school year would disadvantage those schools whose engagement in competition is largely in the late Spring and Summer Terms.

The award for achievement does not replace School Games Mark but is an acknowledgement of the excellent work you have done.

The decision to give the Certificate of Recognition is at the discretion of School Games Organisers across the country. We have considered whether a school was working towards the Mission and Vision of the School Games during the Autumn and Spring terms and whether they were most likely to achieve School Games Mark if they had continued with the same level of engagement for the rest of the year.

In light of the consistent hard work and provision you and your staff have put in at Nursling, and after our discussions, and your attendance at competitions in the Autumn and Spring Terms, I would anticipate that your school would have maintained the Gold Award this year.



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I know you will continue the hard work, and that your students are very lucky to have you, and I have no doubt Nursling will achieve the Gold again in 2020/2021.

Looking forward to next year I will be here to continue to support your school and am at present planning for the Autumn Term, where the Hampshire SGOs will be providing virtual competitions for you to do in school, before hopefully returning to face-to-face competitions in January.

I look forward to meeting again in person, until then please do let me know if there is anything PESSPA related that I could help with.

Best Wishes

Holly