

Questionnaire feedback: February 2020

Stars (the things you really like about ATSA)

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*The range of events is always growing. Hopefully this continues.
*The handbook is perfect for planning ahead.
*Opportunities for SEND pupils.
*The variety of sports/activities the children get to play, that they wouldn't usually (kurling, bowls) and mixing with other children.
*Both competitive nature, for example: football leagues, and the non-competitive fun events.
*Friendship the children and adults make over the years, in particular the Sports Weekend.
*As always, I think there is a huge amount for ATSA to take pride in and regard the forward planning you do in the Directory and the WhatsApp communication as an excellent model for co-ordinating such a large number of interested parties and ensuring successful events.
*The half term holiday provision has to be a stand out this year and a great example of ATSA reaching out with sporting opportunities in collaboration with community clubs and athletes.
*What a great initiative ATSA 'Extra Time' is. Such a practical way of helping families participate in sport whilst showing a commitment to re-using resources. Many thanks to all the hard work that has gone into making it a success.

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Wishes (ways that you think we could improve ATSA)

Wish	ATSA response
With the football leagues: once a girl 'commits' to playing for a team (the girls' team or the mixed team) then she can only play for that team . If the girl is good enough to play for the mixed team, then she should play for that team. This will then allow another girl to join the girls' team.	<i>From the feedback I have received from individual schools, I think that this is something that we do need to look at. There are similarities with what now happens at the MUFC events where schools are asked to invite their 'best players' regardless of their sex. I will most likely send a message out via the ATSA WhatsApp group to gain individual responses and will see what the general consensus is before making any decision on this for 2020-2021.</i>
Possibly all indoor sports to be held early in year. For example: Futsal, Sportshall Athletics. It is colder and darker so would free up more space when nights get warmer and lighter.	<i>Most of the events are currently planned in this way. I have started to plan the calendar of events for 2020-2021 and have moved the Futsal to a 3:45pm slot in October. The times of some events may also change next year due to feedback from schools, providers and venues.</i>
The ATSA certificate to have less sections to complete. It can take a while filling out 10+ certificates. I would get rid of the 'School' and 'Teacher' part as I don't think they are that necessary.	<i>We still have a 'stock' of the current certificates left and so once these are all used, I will ask the designers to reduce the number of sections for staff to complete.</i>
As some events are attracting lower numbers this year, it would be interesting for ATSA reps to share what constraints they have regarding participation in events. Is it time? Availability of staff? Transport etc? Can obstacles be lessened?	<i>From informal feedback, I have learned that because of a reduced number of staff in some schools, people are finding it more challenging to attend some of the events that take place within the school day. We have changed the time of day for the Futsal because of this and there may be some other events that follow suit. Again, I could put something in the ATSA WhatsApp group to gain some further feedback about this.</i>

Many thanks, Mr M Grogan



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