



School Premises Management Handbook Annex D

Annex D

Astroturf pitches



This document relates only to astroturf pitches used for delivery of the PE curriculum, not to multi-use games areas or hard surfaced sport or recreational areas.

Context

Six Community, Voluntary Controlled or Foundation Schools in Haringey have astroturf pitches:

- ➔ Coldfall Primary
- ➔ Fortismere Secondary
- ➔ Gladesmore Community
- ➔ Highgate Wood Secondary
- ➔ Hornsey School for Girls
- ➔ Park View Secondary

Astroturf pitches need periodic major refurbishment and/or resurfacing (time between major refurbishment linked to intensity and type of use).

Policy

The following are the policies of the council with respect to astroturf pitches at Community, Voluntary Controlled and Foundation Schools.

1. Income raised by the school through letting the astroturf pitch should be used to offset the costs of meeting the letting and also contribute to the cyclical maintenance requirements of the astroturf pitch and its related infrastructure (such as fencing and floodlighting)
2. The council expects significant contributions towards the costs of pitch replacement and/or

major refurbishment (including fencing and lighting) and towards any investment in improving facilities (such as adding floodlights)

3. A condition of council investment will be the establishment of a fund (contributed to by the school and third party income from letting of the facility) to provide funds towards future capital requirements of the facility.

Roles and responsibilities

- ➔ The Governing Body is responsible for:
 1. Ensuring appropriate operational policies are in place for the safe use by the school and third party users
 2. The lettings policy for the astroturf pitch includes appropriate requirements of third party users
 3. All statutory tests, inspections or servicing required are undertaken
 4. Any non-compliance identified by tests, inspections or services is urgently remedied
 5. Recommendations from tests, inspections or services are given due regard in the school's priority and budget setting processes
 6. Undertaking maintenance as required to ensure continued safe use as set out in this section
 7. Identifying and raising with the council any required works that fall within council responsibilities as set out in this section.

The council is responsible for:

1. Funding and managing works within its areas of responsibility as set out in this section.

The following table summarises the responsibilities of the school and council in respect of maintenance and improvement of the astroturf pitch and its associated accommodation (i.e. fencing, floodlighting, etc used solely for the astroturf facility).

Topic / area	School	Council
Pitch (under-surface and surface)	Surface cleaning and maintenance to extend useful life	Replacement
Fencing	Full responsibility	No responsibility
Lighting	Service, ongoing maintenance / repairs	Replacement/major refurbishment
Other equipment	Full responsibility	No responsibility

Broadly speaking, if something needs doing approximately every 10 years or less, it is school responsibility. If it generally requires doing less frequently then it is council responsibility.

Factors to be considered before council investment

If there is a proposal for the council to invest in an astroturf facility, the Haringey Council Assistant Director (Schools and Learning) will consider the following factors before deciding whether to invest:

- ➔ The educational and curriculum requirement for the astroturf facility
- ➔ Investment required at the time and the impact that would have upon the usable life of the facility before major investment is again required (i.e. the medium term plan)
- ➔ Level of funding required from the council as a proportion of the total funding required at the time (i.e. how much is being contributed by the school)
- ➔ A realistic business plan regarding establishing a fund to contribute to future capital investment requirements to limit the council's future liabilities
- ➔ Community use of and need for the facility, and its relative priority for investment as advised by the council sport and leisure officers.



Additional Resources

Traded Services for Schools



www.tradedservices.haringey.gov.uk/contacts

Haringey Governors Online

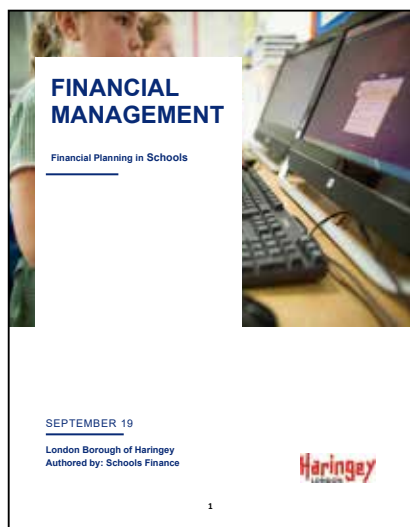


www.governors.haringey.gov.uk

School Financial Procedure Manual

This Manual contains operational guidance for schools' finance and related subjects.

Visit the school finance pages and download your copy at www.haringey.gov.uk



Get in touch

Corporate Landlord

Haringey Council
Housing, Regeneration & Planning
River Park House
225 High Road
London N22 8HQ



capital@haringey.gov.uk



www.haringey.gov.uk

Schools Finance team

Haringey Council
Housing, Regeneration & Planning
River Park House
225 High Road
London N22 8HQ



s-SchoolsReturns@haringey.gov.uk



020 8489 4491



www.haringey.gov.uk

If you would like this publication in a different format, such as large print, please write to us at: Corporate Landlord, Housing, Regeneration and Planning, Haringey Council, River Park House, London N22 8HQ.

Copyright Haringey Council 2020

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the content of this Handbook at time of publication.