

Name of Case Study: Outdoor Table Tennis Tables

School: Mayfield School

Activity: Table Tennis

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How has the Jack Petchey Outdoor Table Donation benefited your school?

The donation has allowed us to grow our table tennis table collection so we are now able to teach a whole PE class at once without having 'inactive' time as students are waiting for tables. In addition, it has allowed more students to play recreationally at break and lunchtime.

Why did you choose table tennis?

We chose table tennis as it is an accessible sport which everyone can have a go at, and then if they show potential they can receive teaching and guidance towards a local club.

How have the tables been used e.g. do the students just start playing, or does a teacher need to instruct them etc.?

The tables are used every breaktime and lunchtime without fail. Students borrow equipment from the PE department and play with their friends. We also run fun competitions at lunchtimes and after school.

What is the BEST thing about the tables?

Table tennis is a sport which has encouraged our non-sporty students to 'have a go'. It's great that we are able to offer a full variety of sporting experiences to all our students, including table tennis.

Do you the students/teachers play table tennis outside of school, has this made them want to play more?

Some have joined local clubs and regularly compete in competitions.

