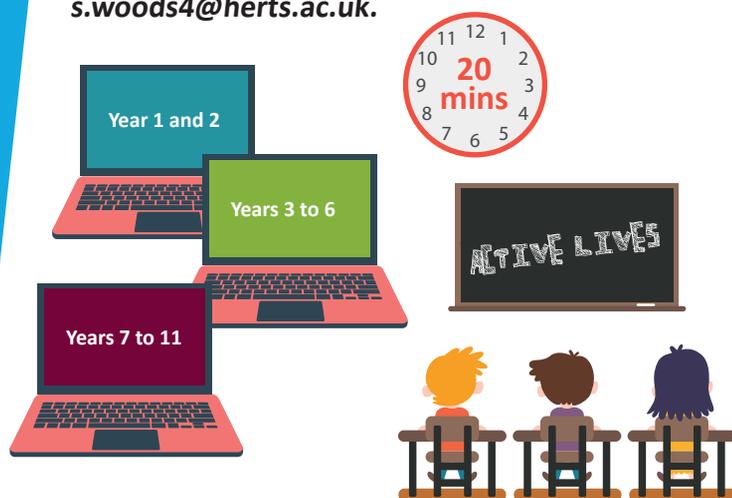


The Active Lives survey

In September 2017 Sport England launched the new school-based '**Active Lives Survey for Children and Young People**' to measure participation in sport and physical activity among children in school years 1 to 11. Replacing the *Active People* survey, Active Lives is the biggest of its kind and gathers data relating to peoples' sporting and physical activity habits, swimming ability, wellbeing, volunteering, and even sports spectating. For younger children the questions are appropriately worded and complemented by images to help identify different types of activity, including playground games and active travel.

The Herts Sports Partnership has been tasked with administering the survey within Hertfordshire and, each term, is issued with the list of schools and specific year groups we are required to work with. You can find out if your school is on the current list by contacting **Shelley Woods** on **01707 285887** or at **s.woods4@herts.ac.uk**.



About the survey...

The survey is electronic, comes in three age appropriate versions and should be completed during the school day by everyone in the allocated classes. In all cases, a class teacher is also asked to participate.

So far...

With the help of our School Games Organisers, the Herts Sports Partnership has been contacting the PE Leads of the chosen schools to offer them the opportunity to take part in the survey. During the Autumn 2017 term we were allocated **59 schools**. Just **20%** of these agreed to take part in the survey. This is a great start, but we need your help to increase this figure in the coming terms.

Reasons to take part...

The results will be published to schools each May, and will help schools understand how their pupils engage in sport and physical activity. The responses can help you measure the effectiveness of any changes to lessons, highlight barriers and can be used to help demonstrate a school's use of the PE and Sport Premium. In addition, schools receive a £100 'thankyou' on completion of the surveys!

The surveys are completed anonymously and prior to taking part, schools are encouraged to write to parents to make them aware that their child has been invited to participate. In primary schools, parents of Year 1 and 2 children are also offered the opportunity to complete the survey. As we are working with all primary, secondary and independent schools in the county, if a school declines taking part, they may not have another opportunity for a couple of years.

Schools have one term to complete the survey; spring, summer or autumn. Timings depend on when the school has been invited to participate, but they will always be made aware with plenty of time to plan.

Please help us to understand how to make more of our Hertfordshire children more active, more often!