

“The new space, funded by the Foundation, forms part of a long-term strategy to improve lifestyles, sports participation and obesity in the children at our school.”

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Coatham CE Primary School

Project:

‘Improving Healthy Lifestyles’

Subject:

Health, well-being and sports
Education, learning and skills improvement

Location:

Coatham, Redcar and Cleveland

Overview:

£5,000 was awarded by the Foundation to develop the school’s Key Stage 1 playground into a high quality play and sports space for the younger children.

The playground has been developed with quality markings to encourage running, chase and movement games and provide demarcated space for boxercise and judo programmes. A new Tiger Turf area provides a high quality safe surface for ball and team games which were previously not possible. A concreted trail path has been added to the area to develop chase games and turning/directional skills.

Key Stage 1 children at the school (aged 5–7) have benefitted from the new area, which has provided an effective basis for break times, P.E. lessons, after-school sports clubs and individual provision. Groups of children who follow specific occupational therapy routines to develop gross motor skills have made good use of the area, as have those who participate in a judo programme to develop sequencing and memory skills.

