



Link to ATSA Website: <https://www.atsa.org.uk/>

Aim of ATSA: Provide sporting opportunities for the children in all of the local primary schools. **In recent years, ATSA has enhanced and expanded its core provision.**

ATSA provides opportunities for all local schools to participate in the following:

- Traditional sports competitions
- Less traditional sports taster sessions
- Less traditional sports competitions (only available to those who participate in the taster sessions)
- **Adaptive sport sessions** (relatively new)
- **Active Mind sessions** (relatively new)
- **Performance sessions** (relatively new)
- **Access to live sporting events** (when and where large access can be gained).

At Sacred Heart RC Primary School, we actively take part in all aspects of the ATSA programme. We aim to vary our access to ATSA events year on year so that over time, we are offering a wide variety of opportunities to our pupils.

Sacred Heart RC Primary School aims to provide as many opportunities as possible for those pupils who primarily; do not engage in sporting activities outside of school and / or those pupils who are deemed disadvantaged and / or those pupils who are in Year 6 and Year 2 (depending on the rules of ATSA).

The headteacher keeps a record of attendance. At times, where a pupil states they are not able to attend an event at the last minute, replacements may be found who do not fall into the above three categories.

ATSA also collates numerical attendance at events. This includes the total number of children attending and the number of children attending an ATSA event for the first time this academic year. These figures contribute to the ATSA awards at the end of the year, along with the number of different events schools participate in. Over the past three years we have been awarded the gold award and two bronze awards (past two years due to number of events and the numbers of different pupils attending).

Selection for ATSA events is at the discretion of the headteacher and selections are not debateable or contestable by parents.

Pupils are often taken to events (and at times returned to school) by school staff. Parents will be required to sign to say that they give permission for this to occur. Parents are generally required to arrange collection of their child at the venue of the ATSA event.

If a child cannot attend the event, parents are required to tick the appropriate box and return the form to school so that we can arrange for other pupil(s) to attend so that school fulfils its commitment to attend. Where schools do not attend an event it has committed to, then those schools are not permitted to attend that event the following year (ATSA rules).

The ATSA events, contribute to our school's enhanced and wider opportunities offered to our pupils outside of the curriculum. As a result of attending some ATSA events, we will now be offering a wider variety of after school clubs (archery, darts, and Kurling) in the coming years.