Glossary

Activity Space	An area or room suitable for community sports use. See also 'Teaching Space'.
Best Value	Process of seeking continuous improvement of performance and cost effectiveness in service delivery by government.
Bleacher Seating	Seating racks which fold away into the hall walls when not in use.
Cardiovascular Equipment	Fitness equipment providing aerobic exercise disciplines such as cycling and rowing.
Catchment Area	Area from which people will travel to use a facility. For a school this will depend on a range of factors such as its admissions policy, perceived attractiveness and so on. For sports facilities, travel time is the principal factor but the facilities it offers, its perceived quality and how busy it is may all have an influence.
Changing Unit	Comprises of two linked changing rooms which together are sufficient to accommodate one class group.
Colour Rendering Index (Ra)	An indication of the colour rendering requirements of the activity. Measured on a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 is the equivalent of daylight, with higher values indicating better colour rendering. In multi-use halls, good colour rendering may be required to identify court markings and/or coloured balls, shuttlecocks, etc.
Community Planning	Technique of community participation in the planning process which aims to bring out the aspirations and ideas of the local community with minimum guidance from planning professionals.
Extra Curriculur Activity	Activity organized by or related to the school but not forming part of the formal curriculum. Examples include after-school clubs and sporting activity by school clubs and teams.
Facilities Planning Model (FPM)	A model providing an objective assessment of the relationship between the likely demand for sports facilities in an area and the actual supply. It takes into account population distribution and demographic structure and the capacity, availability and catchment areas of local facilities.
Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE)	Government Agency responsible for inspection of and recommending on standards of teaching in schools.
Illuminance Values	The value (in lux) below which the average illuminance should not fall throughout the life of the installation. They are generally provided as horizontal values at floor level unless specified otherwise.

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Induction Loop	Audio system which links to hearing aids to amplify sound for those with hearing impairment.
Life-long Learning	Opportunities for people of all ages to access high quality learning opportunities at all levels and in a greater range of ways.
Light Reflectance Value	Indicates how much light received by a surface it reflects back. The range of values is 0-1, with values close to one reflecting a lot of light, and values close to 0 reflecting little.
Lux	Standard unit of luminosity (brightness).
Minimum Unobstructed Height Above Playing Area	The height over the active areas in a sports hall below which there must be no obstructions caused by light fittings, netting rails etc. This requirement varies according the sport being played and the level of competition.
Multi-Court	An artificially surfaced outdoor games courts which can accommodate a variety of sports depending on its dimensions.
New Community Schools	Schools focusing on the pupil and his or her family and addressing needs in the round through integrated provision of services - teachers, social workers, community education workers, health professionals and others working together in a single team.
Period Load	The total amount of periods per week requiring to be taught in any one teaching space.
Resistance Equipment	Fitness equipment for muscle conditioning and development simulating free-weights exercise.
Reverberation Time	The length of time before echoes from a given sound subside in a space at a given frequency.
Teaching Space	An area or room suitable for delivering an element of the PE curriculum to a class group. Termed as 'Activity Space' when used by the community.
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