

AIR JUMP – Project Update (September 2017)

We have completed the initial stages of our project with Air Jump, the new local trampoline park. After initial contact was made with the company, we were able to welcome the owners to our school so they could get to know a bit more about our pupils and school environment. They listened carefully to the group of pupils who met with them and then showed them a presentation which gave an idea of what was to come. During their design process, they adjusted plans to incorporate a wheelchair accessed trampoline as well as listen to our needs. They offered us use of their party room as part of planned visits and agreed to us using their cafe in a variety of ways.

Now that they are open, we have negotiated prices and times and have secured a number of regular slots for pupils from both St Paul's Cray and Beckenham sites (at a reduced price!) and they have been used really successfully. There is a timetable in place to ensure all classes who will benefit from this opportunity gain access to it.

Our next steps include working with the Air Jump team on 'Riverside friendly' café menus for our pupils to use on their visits as well as to begin using their community 'Air Care' session (aimed at young people and adults with additional needs) for some of our older pupils. The aim is to allow pupils to really be part of the community; travelling on public transport to the centre, filling in forms and making their own payments to enter, and independently accessing the canteen. This will offer a huge range of real learning opportunities in one visit.

