
EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AHEAD AT BETTER SUTTON SPORTS VILLAGE

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Dear Customer,

I am very pleased to announce exciting developments here at Sutton Sports Village with a £2.3 million investment plan this year, to enhance and upgrade our current services and facilities.

This is going to be a busy and exciting development for Sutton Sports Village and the team here, which we hope will be enjoyed by you, your family and the Sutton community as a whole. The development is set to include:

- the introduction of a Better Extreme Trampoline Park
- brand new state-of-the-art tennis dome to cover four outdoor clay courts
- new Sutton Gymnastics Academy layout with opportunities to link in with the Trampoline Park
- reconfiguration of Sutton Day Nursery into a secure and self-contained unit as well as an additional room for Toddlers
- redevelopment of the current Soft Play Café into a Better Coffee Corner
- brand new dedicated birthday party rooms

We have a fantastic team here at Sutton Sport Village who are all dedicated and passionate about their products and looking forward to the opportunities the new development will bring.

There may be some minor disruptions in the short term but please be assured my team and I are working hard to keep this to an absolute minimum for you.

Keep up to date

This newsletter sets out the plans for any affected areas and we would like to keep you up to date with all the above set to take place over the next few months.

We would therefore recommend you follow us on Facebook either at @suttonsportsvillage or the Facebook page most relevant to you i.e. @BetterSuttonTennisAcademy.

We have a dedicated Refurbishment page on our website www.better.org.uk/sutton-refurbishment which gives details of the development and plans for the forthcoming weeks, which will be updated regularly as the project progresses. There will also be Development boards and TVs around the centre displaying information, so please have a look.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time while we make Sutton Sports Village even Better.

Tyron Fuller
General Manager
Better Sutton Sports Village

Better Extreme Trampoline Park

Better Extreme is part of the Better family which introduces activities such as trampoline parks into existing centres.

We are pleased to announce that a new Better Extreme Trampoline Park is coming to Sutton Sports Village and due to open later in 2018. The park will be located in the current south building of the centre with its own dedicated entrance, self service admissions and direct links to the Better Coffee Corner café.

The park will cater for all age ranges offering exciting, sustainable activities from soft play to extreme activities. There will be a great viewing experience and we will be catering for group bookings and birthday parties too, which will be hosted in one of our new, dedicated party rooms.



*example images above of existing Better Extreme Trampoline Parks

Sutton Tennis Academy

To compensate for the three indoor tennis courts (1-3) being used to develop the Trampoline Park, we will be introducing a new 'state-of-the-art' tennis dome to cover four outdoor clay courts (courts 16 to 19). Our indoor court provision will therefore be increased from 9 indoor courts to 10 indoor courts providing you with more opportunities to use clay courts all year round and allowing us to increase our programmed capacities.

We anticipate the dome to be installed ready for the indoor season later in 2018.

Our full provision of Tennis will remain in its current state. We do not anticipate any cancellations and tennis customers will be advised of any court changes during this period.

'The STA performance team are looking forward to the opportunity to develop our players on clay courts 12 months of the year. Clay will provide our players an improved surface to develop their weapons, movement and court craft. In the modern game this is so important giving STA players the best chance of reaching their potential and competing at the highest levels'

Shaun Malcom, Head Coach, Sutton Tennis Academy



*proposed image

Badminton

Badminton courts will be relocating to court 9 in the north building from Friday 13th April, ready for use by Monday 16th April.

Sutton Day Nursery

As part of the 2018 development we will be adding another room to our day provision, opening up more local childcare spaces for 2-3 year olds in the area. The nursery will be reconfigured to become a fully self-contained, secure facility with its own entrance area. The existing shared corridor will be for the sole use of the nursery, thus giving a better flow throughout the area as well as increasing security for all our children. During the development full Nursery operations will remain and customers will be informed of any disruptions.

'By becoming a self-contained unit within Sutton Sports Village, this will give us a real hub base to enjoy. The children will continue to have access to the on-site tennis, dance, gymnastics and soft play during their daily routines and we are looking forward to being able to offer further nursery provision for 2-3 year olds with the new room'.

Rosie Williams, Nursery Manager, Sutton Day Nursery

Better Coffee Corner & Sutton Soft Play

Our current Soft Play café will undergo a complete refurbishment and we are delighted that a Better Coffee Corner will be introduced in its place with a larger servery, new menus and larger seating areas up and downstairs.

As part of our social enterprise ethos, Better Coffee Corner supplies sustainably-sourced coffee, tea and the cocoa in its hot chocolate from Rainforest Alliance Certified™ farms – while 2p from the sale of every hot drink goes to the GLL Sport Foundation – helping talented athletes across the UK reach their true sporting potential.



Upstairs will have a large viewing area looking on to the trampoline park and gymnastics areas as well as new, dedicated birthday party rooms for a better party experience. Sutton Soft Play will remain within its current area. In the short term, our café provision will be moving across to the north building in the old café area, while we complete this part of the project.

Sutton Gymnastics Academy

Sutton Gymnastics Academy will remain in its current location at Sutton Sports Village; however we will be reconfiguring the existing layout. The full allocation of space will be protected and we are working with our appointed contractors to design useable links between the trampoline park and gymnastics.

Throughout the development we plan to keep gymnastics fully operational; however there may be some slight adjustment in the short term with regards to drop off and collections, viewing and at a small number of times where space maybe reduced, but we hope to keep this to an absolute minimum. Please speak with your coaches for up to date news.

'This is a positive opportunity to build links with a new product and highlight the fantastic, popular gymnastics facility we have at Sutton Sports Village. The link between the two products will bring a greater programme range to our gymnastics set up, as well as providing improved viewing opportunities for parents/guardians wanting to see the development of their budding gymnasts.'

Claire Bryant, Junior Products Manager

Sutton Dance Academy

The development will mean a new short term home for Sutton Dance Academy, within the studios located in the north building. A long term plan and vision is being developed by Gemma Bonner, Head of Dance. We anticipate this project will give our Dance Academy further opportunity to thrive and grow in the future, with a more dance-dedicated space, plus future expansion as the programme and demand increases.

After the Easter holidays all Dance Academy classes will be relocated to Studios 1 and 2. The operations behind the move will be planned and communicated by Gemma, with guidance and input from all teachers at SDA.

'The SDA team believe passionately in the ability and potential of all our students and I am personally proud to lead a team who show such dedication and care for what they deliver. We hope that, in time, our new space will become a better, more comfortable and accessible dance hub for you all – our wonderful dance family.'

Gemma Bonner, Head of Dance, Sutton Dance Academy

Strength & Conditioning

Our strength and conditioning packages will remain at Sutton Sports Village as we move these sessions out of the existing provision provided, which is coming to the end of being fit for purpose. The move into the commercial gym, which underwent a £300k investment in 2017, will allow usage of modern equipment. A timetabled plan has been agreed and implemented ready for use.

'We are delighted to be moving into our new home in the commercial gym, maintained by the gym team so we will always have access to the best new equipment. Working alongside the gym members will enable STA to showcase some of the fantastic S&C work we are doing with the tennis players and increase exposure to the programme as well as ensuring our younger athletes learn how to conduct themselves in a professional environment, which can only assist in their development.'

Daz Brake, Strength & Conditioning Lead, Sutton Tennis Academy

Evergreens

The development will mean our Evergreens re-locating their sessions on courts 1-3, to courts 7-9 after the Easter holidays. By bringing the 50+ programme to courts 7-9 this will make the sports café a central meeting point for both court users, class users and gym users. Further benefits of this move include a better location for access to the refurbished gym changing rooms.

Please also be aware that the sports café will be used by other groups during morning times for the period of the project, whilst the soft play café undergoes full refurbishment.

Access to the football pitch for walking football will be via the external gates in the park area.

Sutton Football Academy

Access to the football pitches will be impacted due to this project plan. To access these facilities customers must use the external gates in the park area. Our reception team will be able to guide you so please ask if you are unsure.
