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# 30 ABSTRACT

**Objectives:** Assess the extent to which participation in organised physical activity in the

32 school or community outside school hours, and neighbourhood play, were associated with

33 children's physical activity and sedentary time.

**Design:** Cross-sectional study.

35 Setting: Children were recruited from 47 state funded primary schools in Southwest England.

**Participants:** 1223 8-9 year old children.

37 Outcome measures: Accelerometer-assessed moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical

38 activity (MVPA) and sedentary time.

Methods: Children wore an accelerometer and mean minutes of MVPA and sedentary time per day were derived. Children reported their attendance at organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours, and neighbourhood play, using a piloted questionnaire. Cross-sectional linear and logistic regression were used to examine if attendance frequency at each setting (and all settings combined) was associated with moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) and sedentary time. Multiple imputation methods were used to account for missing data and increase sample size. **Results:** Children who attended clubs at school 3-4 days per week obtained an average of 7.58 (95% CI: 2.7 to 12.4) more minutes of MVPA per day than children who never attended.

50 Report of participation in the three other non-school-based activities were similarly

associated with MVPA. Evidence for associations with sedentary time was generally weaker.

- 52 Associations were similar in girls and boys. When the four different contexts were combined,
- 53 each additional 1-2 activities participated in per week increased participants' odds (OR: 1.18,

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54 95% CI: 1.12 to 1.26) of meeting the Government recommendations for 60 minutes of
55 MVPA per day.

57 Conclusion: Participating in organised physical activity at school and in the community is 58 associated with greater physical activity and reduced sedentary time among both boys and 59 girls. All four types of activity contribute to overall physical activity, which provides parents 60 with a range of settings in which to help their child be active.

62 Key words: Physical activity, children, accelerometer, clubs, extra-curricular, play

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64	Strengths and limitations of this study
65	Strengths
66	• Accelerometer data from a large sample of Year 4 children.
67	• Detailed information on organised physical activity in the school or community
68	outside school hours, and neighbourhood play.
69	• Multiple imputation models to provide estimates for participants with missing data.

# 71 Limitations

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Cross-sectional study design.

**ARTICLE SUMMARY** 

Data are from a single UK region.

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# 74 INTRODUCTION

Physical activity is associated with improved mental well-being, reduced risk of obesity and lower blood pressure among children.[1] Sedentary time may also be a risk factor for noncommunicable diseases but it is not clear if this effect is independent of physical activity.[2-4] The UK Chief Medical Officers recommend that all children and young people should engage in at least an hour per day of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) and limit sedentary time. [5] however considerable proportions of children do not meet these guidelines.[6] For example, data from the nationally-representative Millennium cohort showed that only 51% of 7-8 year olds met the recommendation.[7] The amount of time children spend engaged in MVPA gradually declines with age, while sedentary time increases. [6 8-11] Strategies to increase children's physical activity are needed. The majority of interventions to increase children's physical activity have been delivered during school time.[12 13] These interventions have included strategies such as changes to the physical education provision and new educational programmes based on information sharing and personal goal setting [12-14] Overall, these programmes have tended to report no

the difficulty faced in adding interventions to already full school-curricula and the lack of

effect, weak effects or moderate effects in sub-groups.[12-16] Potential reasons for this are

skills and training that teachers have for delivering a range of activities to engage the

majority of children.[17] As such, there is a need to understand the potential of organised

94 physical activity outside school hours to increase MVPA.

After-school programmes have the potential to facilitate physical activity for children, as
schools have space in which children can be active, staff who can be trained, and many
parents welcome programmes that provide childcare.[16 18-21] Although a number of studies

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99	have examined the potential of delivering such sessions, it is not clear whether attendance at
100	the programmes currently provided by schools is associated with higher overall levels of
101	MVPA.[18-21] There is also a lack of information about how attendance at community-based
102	physical activity clubs contributes to overall MVPA. Furthermore, as not all children attend
103	after-school programmes, it is not clear how other activities such as playing in the
104	neighbourhood or at home in the garden contribute to overall MVPA. A key question,
105	therefore, is whether the frequency of participation in organised physical activity in the
106	school or community after school hours, neighbourhood play or home play is associated with
107	the MVPA and sedentary time of children. Since some children will be active in all four
108	settings, it would also be informative to examine collective participation across all settings.
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110	The aim of this study was to assess among children (8-9 years of age) the extent to which
111	participation in organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours,
112	and playing with friends or family near the home or in the garden were associated with
113	MVPA and sedentary time. A secondary aim was to examine if there was a cumulative
114	association between participation in the four different types of activities with both MVPA
115	and sedentary time.
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117	METHODS
118	The current analyses used data from the B-Proact1v study, which has been described in detail
119	elsewhere.[11 22 23] Briefly, the study aimed to examine physical activity behaviours of
120	children and their parents over the course of primary school. Between 2012 and 2013, data
121	were collected from 1299 Year 1 children (5-6 years of age) from 57 schools in Bristol (UK).

- 122 Between March 2015 and July 2016, all 57 schools were approached to re-join the study
- 123 when the children were in Year 4 (8-9 years of age), with 47 schools agreeing to take part
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124	(1223 children). The current analyses used data from the Year 4 assessments. The study
125	received ethical approval from the School for Policy Studies Ethics Committee at the
126	University of Bristol, and written parent consent was received for all participants.
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128	Data collection
129	Data were collected at schools, with children asked to complete a brief questionnaire. As
130	indicators of organised physical activity outside school hours in school and in the community
131	respectively, we asked "How often do you attenda) a sport or exercise club at school (NOT
132	including PE)? and b) a sport or exercise club at places other than your school (like a football
133	club or ballet)?" To indicate neighbourhood play outside and within the home we asked
134	"How much do you play with your friends and family a) outside near your home? and b) in
135	your home or garden?". These questions each had four response options: "Never", "1-2 days
136	per week", "3-4 days per week" or "5 days per week". We assigned these 0, 1, 2 and 3 points
137	respectively and summed responses to derive an overall activity score ranging from 0 to 12,
138	with a higher value indicating a higher frequency of activity participation.
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140	Child height was measured to the nearest 0.1cm using a SECA Leicester stadiometer (HAB
141	International, Northampton). Weight was recorded to the nearest 0.1kg using a SECA 899
142	digital scale (HAB International, Northampton). Child Body Mass Index ( $BMI = kg/m^2$ ) was
143	then calculated and converted to an age- and gender-specific standard deviation score.[24 25]
144	Children wore a waist-worn ActiGraph wGT3X-BT accelerometer for five days including
145	two weekend days. Parents provided demographic information via a questionnaire, including
146	child gender and date of birth. Where children's date of birth was missing (20.5% of
147	children), they were assigned the median age of 9.0 years. Indices of Multiple Deprivation
148	(IMD) scores, based upon the English Indices of Deprivation

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3	149	(http://data.gov.uk/dataset/index-of-multiple-deprivation), were assigned to each child based
4 5 6	150	on their reported home postcode, where higher IMD scores indicate a greater level of
7 8	151	deprivation.
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12	153	Accelerometer data reduction
14 15	154	Accelerometer data were processed using Kinesoft (v3.3.75; Kinesoft, Saskatchewan,
16 17	155	Canada). At least three valid days of data were required for accelerometer data to be
18 19	156	considered complete for a given child and included in analysis, where a valid day was defined
20 21 22	157	as at least 500 minutes of data, after excluding intervals of $\geq 60$ minutes of zero counts
22 23 24	158	allowing up to two minutes of interruptions. The child's average number of sedentary and
25 26	159	MVPA minutes per day were derived using population-specific cut points for children.[26]
27 28	160	We also derived a binary variable indicating whether the child's average daily MVPA was
29 30	161	greater than the 60 minutes per day recommended by the UK government.[5]
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34 35	163	Analysis
36 37	164	The associations of child characteristics (gender, age, BMI z-score, and IMD) with activity
38 39	165	participation were examined in the observed data using t-tests, Pearson's correlation
40 41 42	166	coefficients, chi-squared tests and one-way analysis of variance as appropriate.
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46 47	168	Multiple imputation of missing data was used to create 20 imputed datasets for the 1223 Year
48 49	169	4 children. We used 20 cycles of regression switching and combined regression coefficients
50 51 52	170	across datasets using Rubin's rules.[27] We imputed separately for boys and girls to allow for
53 54	171	associations to differ by gender. All exposures (organised physical activity attendance and
55 56	172	neighbourhood play), outcomes (sedentary time and MVPA), potential confounders (gender,
57 58	173	age, BMI z-score, and IMD) and child's school were included in multiple imputation models,
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174	and achievement of the MVPA guideline and overall activity score were imputed passively.
175	Any children with less than three valid days of accelerometer data had their accelerometer
176	measures imputed.
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178	We examined the pairwise associations of the activity participation variables by
179	dichotomising, cross-tabulating and fitting unadjusted logistic regression models of one
180	frequency variable on another.
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182	We used linear regression models to examine the associations of activity participation and the
183	overall activity score with the child's average sedentary and MVPA minutes per day, and
184	logistic regression models to examine associations with achievement of the MVPA guideline.
185	In Model 1 we adjusted for gender and age, and in Model 2 we adjusted additionally for BMI
186	z-score and IMD. Robust standard errors were used to account for clustering of children
187	within schools. Combined Wald tests were used to test for evidence of interaction between
188	the child's gender and the exposure of interest.
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190	We predicted the children's mean number of sedentary and MVPA minutes per day by
191	frequency of participation in each activity based on linear combinations of the regression
192	coefficients from fully-adjusted models (Model 2).
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194	Regression analyses were repeated restricting to the children who had complete data for all
195	exposures, outcomes and co-variables and compared with the multiple imputation analysis.

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We also produced scatter plots of sedentary time and MVPA by the overall activity score inthe observed data.

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199 A sensitivity analysis was performed including accelerometer data for any children who had

at least one valid day of measures to assess whether only including accelerometer data for

201 children who recorded at least three valid days influenced our results. All analyses were

202 performed in Stata version 14.0 (StataCorp, 2015).

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# 204 **RESULTS**

205 The distributions of characteristics of the children in the observed data, multiple imputation

206 datasets and subset with complete information are shown in Table 1. All characteristics

showed similar distributions in each of the datasets and had only a small proportion of

208 missing data (maximum 16.1% for accelerometer measures).

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Child Characteristic	Observed da	nta	Imputed data (N=1223)	Complete data (N=987)		
		N available	Mean (SD) or %	Mean (SD) or %	Mean (SD) or %	
Sedentary time at Year 4 (mins/	day)	1026	445.4 (115.4)	444.7 (120.1)	446.0 (116.9)	
MVPA at Year 4 (mins/day)		1026	61.6 (21.9)	61.9 (22.5)	61.8 (21.8)	
Met MVPA guidelines at Year	No	1163	53.2	52.6	53.4	
4	Yes		46.8	47.4	46.6	
Gender	Boy	1223	45.5	45.5	44.5	
	Girl		54.5	54.5	55.5	
Age at Year 4 (years)		1223	9.03 (0.41)	9.03 (0.41)	9.03 (0.43)	
BMI z score at Year 4		1208	0.35 (1.08)	0.36 (1.08)	0.31 (1.07)	
IMD score at Year 4		1204	15.9 (14.1)	15.9 (14.2)	15.3 (13.6)	
Frequency child attends	Never	1215	27.8	27.9	28.2	
sport/exercise club at school	1-2 days per week		45.5	45.5	45.8	
	3-4 days per week		16.1	16.1	16.6	
	5 days per week	10	10.5	10.5	9.4	
Frequency child attends	Never	1214	20.6	20.6	19.4	
sport/exercise club outside	1-2 days per week		50.2	50.2	51.0	
school	3-4 days per week		20.8	20.9	21.5	
	5 days per week		8.3	8.3	8.2	
Frequency child plays with	Never	1205	6.3	6.4	6.5	
friends/family outside near	1-2 days per week		33.7	33.7	34.3	
home	3-4 days per week		29.0	28.9	29.7	
	5 days per week		31.0	30.9	29.5	
Frequency child plays with	Never	1199	9.6	9.7	8.8	
friends/family in home or	1-2 days per week		34.5	34.6	35.0	
garden	3-4 days per week		26.8	26.7	27.8	
	5 days per week		29.1	29.0	28.5	
Activity frequency score		1193	5.88 (2.29)	5.86 (2.29)	5.84 (2.26)	

 Table 1 Characteristics of children who took part in the Year 4 phase of the B-Proact1v Study (observed and multiple imputation) N=1223)

210	Associations	of c	child cl	haracteristics	with	activity	participo	ition
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Table S1 shows child activity attendance by gender. Girls tended to report lower frequencies of participating in organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours, and had a lower mean overall activity score. There was no gender difference in friends/family play either in or outside of the home. The associations of other child characteristics with activity participation are shown in Table S2. There was some evidence that children who more frequently attended a sport/exercise club outside of school had a higher mean age. Child BMI was not strongly associated with any particular activity, but there was weak evidence that the overall activity score decreased with increasing BMI Z-score. Children who reported attendance of "Never" or "5 days/week" generally had the highest IMD scores, suggesting a U-shaped association, and there was a negative correlation between the overall activity score and IMD.

# 223 Inter-relationships of activity participation frequencies

Participating in one type of activity more frequently was generally associated with a higher
frequency of participation in each of the others, except that attendance at a sport/exercise club

226 outside of school was not associated with playing outside near the home (Table S3).

# 228 Associations of activity participation with sedentary time and MVPA

229 There was a negative correlation of the overall activity score with sedentary time and a

positive correlation between the overall activity score and MVPA (Figures S1 and S2).

Table 2 shows the mean difference in sedentary time by activity participation and overall

activity score in the multiple imputation datasets, and Figure 1 shows the predicted sedentary

time by activity participation. Sedentary time decreased on average with increasing frequency

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of attending sport/exercise clubs either at school or outside of school and with increasing frequency of playing with friends/family outside near the home in regression models adjusted for gender and age (Model 1). The association between sport/exercise club attendance outside of school and sedentary time weakened slightly on additional adjustment for BMI Z-score and IMD (Model 2) but other associations remained. An increase in children's overall activity score was also strongly associated with a reduction in sedentary time in both models. However, there was no evidence of an association between playing with friends/family at home and sedentary time. Associations did not differ between boys and girls. Findings were similar when restricted to children who had complete data (Table S4). 

Exposure			Sedent	ary time (minutes/da	ay): mean difference	(95% confidence in	terval)	
•		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)	Girls (N=667)	,	P for gender	
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.69
attends	1-2 days/week	-4.2	-3.0	7.9	8.9	-13.0	-11.5	
sport/exercise club	2	(-22.5, 14.0)	(-21.4, 15.4)	(-16.6, 32.3)	(-15.9, 33.7)	(-38.3, 12.4)	(-37.5, 14.4)	
at school	3-4 days/week	-31.1	-28.8	-18.7	-16.9	-40.1	-37.3	
	5	(-50.7, -11.5)	(-46.4, -11.3)	(-41.8, 4.4)	(-41.2, 7.3)	(-71.7, -8.5)	(-65.4, -9.2)	
	5 days/week	-18.7	-18.8	-9.6	-7.3	-26.0	-33.3	
	2	(-42.9, 5.6)	(-42.1, 4.5)	(-37.7, 18.4)	(-34.9, 20.4)	(-66.8, 14.8)	(-82.0, 15.5)	
P for trend		0.02	0.01	0.17	0.23	0.05	0.04	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.81
attends	1-2 days/week	14.8	18.0	21.5	25.9	11.0	13.6	
sport/exercise club	-	(-9.1, 38.7)	(-8.9, 45.0)	(-7.4, 50.5)	(-4.5, 56.4)	(-19.9, 42.0)	(-20.5, 47.7)	
outside of school	3-4 days/week	-7.2	-1.5	-1.0	4.8	-10.5	-4.1	
	2	(-27.0, 12.6)	(-23.4, 20.4)	(-32.8, 30.8)	(-27.1, 36.6)	(-30.5, 9.5)	(-27.3, 19.0)	
	5 days/week	-19.9	-15.5	-12.6	-7.7	-25.2	-20.6	
	2	(-41.1, 1.2)	(-37.7, 6.8)	(-42.4, 17.1)	(-36.5, 21.1)	(-55.0, 4.6)	(-52.1, 11.0)	
P for trend		0.02	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.07	0.23	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.56
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.77	2.3	19.2	21.2	-16.6	-15.6	
friends/family		(-28.5, 30.0)	(-28.0, 32.7)	(-16.5, 55.0)	(-14.4, 56.8)	(-63.1, 30.0)	(-65.0, 33.9)	
outside near home	3-4 days/week	-5.2	-2.8	7.6	10.6	-17.6	-16.1	
		(-29.9, 19.6)	(-29.4, 23.7)	(-28.4, 43.5)	(-25.5, 46.6)	(-65.8, 30.5)	(-67.4, 35.3)	
	5 days/week	-23.4	-24.1	-11.0	-10.2	-35.4	-37.8	
		(-49.0, 2.1)	(-50.8, 2.7)	(-45.2, 23.2)	(-44.4, 24.0)	(-79.9, 9.0)	(-86.6, 10.9)	
P for trend		0.004	0.001	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.90
plays with	1-2 days/week	16.2	17.9	19.2	20.6	13.1	14.9	
friends/family in		(-13.8, 46.3)	(-12.5, 48.2)	(-22.9, 61.3)	(-21.5, 62.7)	(-25.8, 52.0)	(-24.3, 54.1)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	-3.9	-0.7	3.9	6.5	-10.7	-6.4	
		(-28.8, 20.9)	(-26.7, 25.4)	(-30.5, 38.4)	(-28.7, 41.7)	(-46.6, 25.3)	(-42.9, 30.1)	
	5 days/week	53	61	99	11.6	12	0.6	
		(-22.9, 33.5)	(-22.5, 34.7)	(-32.5, 52.3)	(-31.2, 54.4)	(-39.2, 41.5)	(-40.2, 41.5)	
P for trend		0.49	0.49	0.85	0.91	0.49	0.45	
Activity score (per	unit)	-4.8	-4.6	-3.8	-3.4	-5.9	-5.9	0.41
• u		(-7.32.3)	(-7.0, -2.1)	(-7.7, 0.1)	(-7.2, 0.4)	(-10.0, -1.7)	(-10.2, -1.6)	

\* Model 1 is adjusted for age and gender; Model 2 is additionally adjusted for BMI and IMD score

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The mean difference in MVPA by each of the activity variables in the multiple imputation data is shown in Table 3, with predicted MVPA by activity participation presented in Figure 2. A higher frequency of attending sport/exercise clubs either at school or outside of school and of play either outside or in the home/garden were all associated with greater MVPA on average in Models 1 and 2. Associations were similar in boys and girls. A higher overall activity score was also associated with greater MVPA, with some evidence that this association was stronger in boys than in girls. Associations were similar when restricted to children with complete data (Table S5).

Table 3 Mean difference in the children's average MVPA minutes per day associated with different activities using multiple imputation (N=1223)\*

Exposure		Moder	ate-to-vigorous p	ohysical activity (	minutes/day): m	ean difference (9	95% confidence i	nterval)
		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)		Girls (N=667)		P for gende
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.64
attends	1-2 days/week	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.1	3.2	3.1	
sport/exercise		(0.3, 7.2)	(0.1, 7.0)	(-2.1, 10.9)	(-2.3, 10.5)	(-0.3, 6.7)	(-0.3, 6.6)	
club at school	3-4 days/week	7.8	7.5	10.1	9.6	5.9	5.8	
		(2.9, 12.6)	(2.7, 12.4)	(2.6, 17.7)	(2.0, 17.2)	(0.9, 10.8)	(0.9, 10.7)	
	5 days/week	5.9	5.7	7.5	7.0	3.8	3.6	
		(-0.1, 11.8)	(-0.3, 11.7)	(-0.4, 15.4)	(-1.1, 15.0)	(-3.7, 11.3)	(-4.1, 11.4)	
P for trend		0.007	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.80
attends	1-2 days/week	0.9	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.5	0.5	
sport/exercise	2	(-2.5, 4.3)	(-2.9, 4.4)	(-4.7, 8.3)	(-5.5, 8.2)	(-3.3, 4.4)	(-3.4, 4.5)	
club outside of	3-4 days/week	6.9	6.5	8.9	8.1	5.5	5.6	
school	-	(2.4, 11.5)	(1.9, 11.2)	(1.0, 16.8)	(0.1, 16.0)	(0.9, 10.1)	(1.1, 10.2)	
	5 days/week	9.9	9.6	11.8	11.2	8.2	8.2	
	-	(3.8, 16.0)	(3.3, 15.9)	(3.4, 20.1)	(2.4, 19.9)	(0.7, 15.7)	(0.8, 15.7)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.006	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.19
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.7	0.4	0.0	-0.5	1.4	1.3	
friends/family	2	(-4.6, 6.0)	(-4.9, 5.6)	(-9.3, 9.2)	(-9.9, 8.9)	(-6.0, 8.8)	(-6.2, 8.7)	
outside near	3-4 days/week	5.1	4.8	6.1	5.7	4.4	4.3	
home	-	(-0.9, 11.1)	(-1.1, 10.7)	(-4.1, 16.3)	(-4.5, 15.9)	(-3.5, 12.3)	(-3.7, 12.2)	
	5 days/week	9.6	9.5	13.0	12.9	6.7	6.6	
	-	(4.0, 15.3)	(3.9, 15.2)	(3.3, 22.8)	(3.0, 22.7)	(-0.7, 14.0)	(-0.9, 14.0)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.005	0.006	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.38
plays with	1-2 days/week	2.0	1.6	-0.1	-0.6	3.8	3.6	
friends/family in	5	(-2.4, 6.4)	(-2.7, 6.0)	(-8.4, 8.3)	(-8.9, 7.7)	(-2.2, 9.8)	(-2.4, 9.7)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.5	
-	2	(0.9, 10.3)	(0.4, 10.2)	(-3.1, 14.3)	(-3.5, 14.4)	(-0.6, 11.9)	(-0.9, 12.0)	
	5 days/week	7.4	7.1	8.3	7.7	6.6	6.5	
	2	(3.0, 11.8)	(27116)	$(0\ 1\ 16\ 6)$	(-0.7, 16.1)	(0.7, 12.5)	(0.6, 12.5)	

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P for trend	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.006	0.02	0.02	255
Activity score (per unit)	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.6	0.06
	(1.4, 2.7)	(1.4, 2.7)	(1.7, 3.4)	(1.6, 3.4)	(0.8, 2.3)	(0.8, 2.3)	256
*MVPA Moderate-to-vigorou	s physical activity;	Model 1 is adjus	sted for age and	gender; Model 2	is additionally a	djusted for BMI a	and IMD score
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The associations of activity variables with achievement of the hour per day government guideline in the multiple imputation data are shown in Table 4. A higher frequency of participation in any of the activities, or an increase in the overall activity score, was associated with increased odds of meeting the government guideline in both models. Associations were similar in girls and boys. A unit increase in the activity score was associated with around an 18% increase in the odds of achieving 60 minutes of MVPA per

day. Findings were unchanged when restricting to those with complete data (Table S6).

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Exposure			Meeting government guideline: odds ratio (95% confidence interval)						
		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)		Girls (N=667)		P for gender	
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.34	
attends	1-2 days/week	1.33	1.31	1.10	1.07	1.54	1.54		
sport/exercise		(0.98, 1.81)	(0.97, 1.78)	(0.65, 1.86)	(0.63, 1.81)	(1.06, 2.23)	(1.07, 2.21)		
club at school	3-4 days/week	1.87	1.83	2.22	2.14	1.63	1.63		
		(1.16, 3.01)	(1.14, 2.93)	(1.09, 4.53)	(1.04, 4.40)	(0.94, 2.85)	(0.94, 2.82)		
	5 days/week	1.69	1.67	1.61	1.55	1.76	1.77		
		(1.03, 2.78)	(1.02, 2.76)	(0.83, 3.09)	(0.79, 3.02)	(0.84, 3.69)	(0.84, 3.73)		
P for trend		0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.93	
attends	1-2 days/week	1.14	1.13	1.21	1.18	1.11	1.12		
sport/exercise	-	(0.80, 1.64)	(0.77, 1.64)	(0.74, 1.98)	(0.70, 1.99)	(0.68, 1.80)	(0.69, 1.82)		
club outside of	3-4 days/week	1.82	1.75	2.07	1.95	1.66	1.69		
school		(1.22, 2.72)	(1.16, 2.65)	(1.11, 3.87)	(1.03, 3.67)	(0.99, 2.78)	(1.01, 2.83)		
	5 days/week	2.70	2.63	3.24	3.15	2.30	2.33		
		(1.57, 4.62)	(1.51, 4.58)	(1.49, 7.07)	(1.41, 7.06)	(1.12, 4.72)	(1.14, 4.77)		
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.009	0.008		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.74	
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.15	1.12	0.98	0.94	1.47	1.47		
friends/family	-	(0.70, 1.88)	(0.69, 1.82)	(0.46, 2.09)	(0.43, 2.06)	(0.62, 3.45)	(0.63, 3.43)		
outside near	3-4 days/week	1.88	1.84	1.62	1.59	2.32	2.32		
home	-	(1.12, 3.16)	(1.11, 3.06)	(0.73, 3.58)	(0.70, 3.58)	(0.91, 5.91)	(0.92, 5.88)		
	5 days/week	2.11	2.10	2.08	2.07	2.35	2.36		
		(1.26, 3.52)	(1.26, 3.49)	(0.92, 4.69)	(0.91, 4.74)	(0.93, 5.99)	(0.93, 6.02)		
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.003	0.002	0.01	0.02		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.21	
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.27	1.23	0.94	0.90	1.75	1.75		
friends/family in	-	(0.84, 1.91)	(0.81, 1.86)	(0.52, 1.72)	(0.49, 1.64)	(0.84, 3.64)	(0.84, 3.65)		
home/garden	3-4 days/week	1.51	1.46	1.29	1.28	1.80	1.80		
C	2	(1.00, 2.28)	(0.96, 2.23)	(0.70, 2.40)	(0.68, 2.44)	(0.86, 3.80)	(0.86, 3.79)		
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The findings demonstrate that increased participation in organised physical activity at school

sedentary time among both boys and girls. Specifically, a child who attends a school-based

attend at all, with attendance of five days a week at a sport/exercise club outside of school

were comparable patterns for engagement in non-organised activity at home or in the

home was associated with reduced sedentary time. When the four different contexts of

physical activity were combined, the analyses showed that each additional 1-2 activities

recommendation of 60 minutes of MVPA per day by 18%. Thus, encouraging children to

attend after-school and community-based physical activity clubs, as well as to play at home

and in the neighbourhood is critical for helping children to increase MVPA. Moreover, in

message to parents should be that physical activity can be accumulated in all four settings

which allows them to find a balance that works for their family. For some families with

light of the relative consistency in findings for each of the four forms of physical activity, the

participated in per week increased the odds of meeting the Chief Medical Officers'

associated with 10.9 more minutes of MVPA than children who never attended clubs. There

neighbourhood, both were associated with increased MVPA, but only activity outside of the

club 3-4 days per week obtained 7.8 more minutes of MVPA per day than a child who did not

and in the community are associated with greater overall physical activity and reduced

day, findings were largely unchanged, except that boys showed a stronger association

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working parents, after-school programmes may be the key activity to focus on, whereas for

other families encouraging children to play in the neighbourhood is likely to be useful for
maximising physical activity. Furthermore, as there was little evidence that play at home was
associated with a reduction in sedentary time, it is also important to examine ways of
encouraging non-sedentary activities within the home.

The UK Childhood Obesity strategy recommends that all primary schools should provide at least 30 minutes per day of physical activity opportunities across the curriculum, break times and extra-curricular activities. [28] The data presented here show that in the imputed dataset 72.2% of Year 4 children were attending school-based programmes at least once per week and 10.5% were attending five days per week. Previous research has shown that in the UK, after-school clubs for primary school children tend to be dominated by team sports, such as football and rugby, with limited provision for non-competitive physical activities.[29] Thus, increasing the number and variety of sessions that children attend and improving the quality of those sessions is likely to provide a cost effective means of increasing children's physical activity. This hypothesis is consistent with the recent Theory of Expanded, Extended and Enhanced Opportunities (TEO), which suggests that the most effective means of increasing children's physical activity will be provided by extending and expanding current provision.[19] Thus, schools and community groups should be encouraged to extend current after-school provision to more children, diversify the activities to interest more pupils (preferably involving pupils in deciding what activities to offer), and enhance the quality of provision to maximise the amount of activity obtained. These relatively simple changes could be made at each school and would provide scalable ways for increasing overall levels of physical activity and contributing to the UK government's goal of reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity.

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The major strength of this study is the large sample size and provision of detailed information about participation in four different physical activity settings alongside accelerometerassessed physical activity. In addition, the use of multiple imputation models to provide estimates for participants with missing data using a robust methodology has enabled us to maximise the sample for analysis. The study is limited by the cross-sectional design, which limits the ability to infer causation between frequency of participation in different settings and levels of physical activity. All questions were self-reported and it is possible that some were recalled more accurately than others. The report of play within the home is likely to include both sedentary and physically active forms of play, as the question included play indoors, which could be expected to be more sedentary, as well as outdoors in the garden, which is likely to be more active. We were unable to disentangle these. We also cannot rule out the possibility of residual confounding, but have adjusted for several key potential confounding variables in order to minimise this. The study is also drawn from the greater Bristol area in the UK and as such our ability to extend findings to other settings and countries is limited.

#### 336 CONCLUSIONS

Participation in organised physical activity at school and in the community is associated with greater physical activity and reduced sedentary time among both boys and girls. In light of the challenges of promoting physical activity during school time, parents should encourage children to attend after school clubs, attend community activity groups and play in the neighbourhood to help their children to meet physical activity guidelines. The data show that all four types of activity contribute similarly to overall physical activity and there is therefore an opportunity for families to find the best mix of options for them.

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\* Predictions were obtained from fully adjusted regression models (Model 2) including all Year 4 children (boys and girls) and are for a 9-year old boy with a BMI z-score of 0 and IMD score of 16. Predicted sedentary time for girls was approximately 15-17 mins/day higher (same additive effect across all categories of the exposure variable) depending on the regression model

Figure 1 Predicted time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by type of activity using multiple imputation (N=1223)\*



\* Predictions were obtained from fully adjusted regression models (Model 2) including all Year 4 children (boys and girls) and are for a 9-year old boy with a BMI z-score of 0 and IMD score of 16. Predicted time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity for girls was approximately 13 mins/day lower (same additive effect across all categories of the exposure variable)

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Table S1 Frequencies of sport/exercise club attendance and play outside and inside the home and mean activity score by gender in the observed data

		<b>Boys</b> N (%)		Girls N (%)		Chi-squared p-value for association
Frequency child	Never	144 (2.	5.9)	194 (2	9.4)	<0.001
attends	1-2 days/week	235 (42	2.3)	318 (4	8.2)	
sport/exercise club	3-4 days/week	90 (16)	2)	106 (1	6.1)	
at school	5 days/week	86 (15)	5)	42 (6.4	4)	
Frequency child	Never	85 (15,	85 (15.3)		5.0)	<0.001
attends	1-2 days/week	289 (5)	289 (52.1)		8.7)	
sport/exercise club	3-4 days/week	121 (2	121 (21.8)		0.0)	
outside of school	5 days/week	60 (10,	60 (10.8)		2)	
Frequency child	Never	36 (6.6	36 (6.6)		1)	0.14
plays with	1-2 days/week	187 (3-	187 (34.1)		3.4)	
friends/family	3-4 days/week	142 (2)	142 (25.9)		1.6)	
outside near home	5 days/week	184 (3)	184 (33.5)		9.0)	
Frequency child	Never	53 (9.7	53 (9.7)		5)	0.76
plays with	1-2 days/week	184 (3)	184 (33.7)		5.2)	
friends/family in	3-4 days/week	142 (2)	142 (26.0)		7.4)	
home/garden	5 days/week	167 (3)	167 (30.6)		7.9)	
	Boys		Girls		T-test p-value for gender	
	N Mean (SD)		N Mean (SD)		difference	
Activity frequency score		542	6.15 (2.42)	651	5.65 (2.16)	<0.001

		Age (years)		BMI z score		IMD score	
		Mean (SD)	N	Mean (SD)	Ν	Mean (SD)	Ν
Frequency child attends sport/exercise club at school	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	9.03 (0.38) 9.05 (0.43) 9.00 (0.45) 8.99 (0.39)	1215	0.43 (1.14) 0.35 (1.05) 0.29 (1.02) 0.27 (1.13)	1202	17.30 (15.04) 15.54 (14.02) 14.15 (11.07) 16.66 (15.10)	1197
P-value for difference between categories <sup>*</sup>		0.31		0.36		0.07	
Frequency child attends sport/exercise club outside of school	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	9.01 (0.40) 9.01 (0.43) 9.05 (0.41) 9.12 (0.39)	1214	0.47 (1.07) 0.37 (1.09) 0.23 (1.07) 0.30 (1.06)	1201	20.03 (16.06) 16.02 (14.12) 12.30 (10.25) 14.26 (13.64)	1196
P-value for difference between categories <sup>*</sup>		0.05		0.09		< 0.001	
Frequency child plays with friends/family outside near home	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	8.96 (0.47) 9.01 (0.42) 9.05 (0.41) 9.05 (0.40)	1205	0.48 (1.24) 0.31 (1.06) 0.39 (1.07) 0.33 (1.08)	1192	17.60 (16.02) 15.20 (13.83) 14.66 (12.48) 17.66 (15.08)	1187
P-value for difference between categories <sup>*</sup>		0.23		0.58		0.01	
Frequency child plays with friends/family in home/garden	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	8.97 (0.38) 9.02 (0.45) 9.06 (0.41) 9.03 (0.39)	1199	0.50 (1.11) 0.29 (1.09) 0.40 (1.07) 0.32 (1.07)	1186	18.54 (15.94) 15.85 (13.95) 14.24 (12.79) 16.85 (14.55)	1181
P-value for difference between categories*		0.31		0.23		0.02	
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 Table S3 Pairwise comparisons of children's activity attendance frequencies in the multiple imputation data (N=1223)\*

		Frequency of sport/exerci school (%)	child attends se club at	Frequency cl sport/exercis of school (%)	hild attends e club outside )	Frequency of with friends outside near	child plays /family · home (%)	Frequency cl friends/famil home/garder	hild plays with ly in 1 (%)
		Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more
	1	days/week	days/week	days/week	days/week	days/week	days/week	days/week	days/week
Frequency child	Up to 2			76.3	23.7	42.7	57.3	47.3	52.7
attends	days/week	_							
sport/exercise club	3 or more			55.8	44.2	33.2	66.8	36.0	64.0
at school	days/week								
P for association				< 0.001		0.003		0.001	
Frequency child	Up to 2	79.0	21.0			40.2	59.8	46.8	53.2
attends	days/week								
sport/exercise club	3 or more	59.7	40.3			40.0	60.0	38.2	61.8
outside of school	days/week								
P for association		< 0.001	1			0.94	1	0.006	1
Frequency child	Up to 2	78.0	22.0	71.0	29.0			65.1	34.9
plays with	days/week								
friends/family	3 or more	70.3	29.7	70.8	29.2			30.3	69.7
outside near home	days/week								
P for association		0.003	1	0.94	-1			< 0.001	
Frequency child	Up to 2	78.3	21.7	74.9	25.1	59.0	41.0		
plays with	days/week								
friends/family in	3 or more	69.4	30.6	67.6	32.4	25.2	74.8		
home/garden	days/week								
P for association		0.001	1	0.006		< 0.001			
Total		73.4	26.6	70.8	29.2	40.2	59.8	44.3	55.7

\* Percentages presented are the proportions of children in each row that belong to each of the categories of child activity variables listed along the top of the table.

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Exposure			Sedentary	y time (minutes/day	y): mean difference	e (95% confidence i	interval)	
		All (N=987)		Boys (N=439)		Girls (N=548)		P for gend
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.45
attends	1-2 days/week	-0.29	0.0	14.7	15.9	-11.4	-11.9	
sport/exercise		(-21.3, 20.7)	(-21.2, 21.3)	(-10.1, 39.5)	(-9.2, 41.0)	(-39.7, 16.8)	(-41.1, 17.3)	
club at school	3-4 days/week	-26.3	-24.1	-13.8	-9.9	-36.0	-35.4	
	-	(-40.8, -11.8)	(-37.8, -10.4)	(-31.5, 4.0)	(-29.3, 9.4)	(-59.5, -12.4)	(-59.0, -11.7)	
	5 days/week	-16.0	-16.1	-7.1	-3.1	-22.0	-29.8	
	-	(-35.3, 3.3)	(-34.4, 2.3)	(-29.7, 15.4)	(-26.9, 20.6)	(-54.6, 10.7)	(-69.2, 9.66)	
P for trend		0.01	0.009	0.19	0.40	0.02	0.02	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.73
attends	1-2 days/week	16.1	20.0	24.6	31.2	10.8	12.9	
sport/exercise	5	(-7.5, 39.7)	(-7.0, 47.0)	(-3.4, 52.7)	(0.6, 61.8)	(-19.3, 41.0)	(-20.0, 45.9)	
club outside of	3-4 days/week	-6.6	0.1	-3.2	5.6	-7.6	-2.0	
school	5	(-23.2, 10.1)	(-19.6, 19.8)	(-28.8, 22.3)	(-17.7, 28.8)	(-26.3, 11.1)	(-26.7, 22.6)	
	5 days/week	-18.4	-13.8	-13.0	-5.9	-20.8	-18.2	
	5	(-36.5, -0.2)	(-33.8, 6.2)	(-36.3, 10.4)	(-28.8, 16.9)	(-46.0, 4.3)	(-46.4, 10.0)	
P for trend		0.009	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.28	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.68
plays with	1-2 days/week	4.5	6.0	16.3	20.2	-5.7	-7.1	
friends/family	5	(-26.7, 35.7)	(-27.5, 39.5)	(-13.4, 45.9)	(-10.1, 50.4)	(-55.7, 44.3)	(-59.0, 44.9)	
outside near	3-4 days/week	-2.5	-0.6	8.3	13.0	-11.9	-13.2	
home	5	(-30.1, 25.0)	(-31.6, 30.3)	(-23.1, 39.7)	(-19.4, 45.4)	(-68.1, 44.3)	(-71.3, 44.9)	
	5 days/week	-21.6	-21.9	-9.4	-6.4	-32.3	-36.4	
	-	(-49.0, 5.7)	(-50.4, 6.6)	(-35.4, 16.6)	(-32.8, 20.0)	(-78.9, 14.2)	(-86.0, 13.1)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.08	0.08	0.009	0.01	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.86
plays with	1-2 days/week	18.2	18.8	19.2	19.5	17.2	17.6	
friends/family in	J	(-12.4, 48.8)	(-12.4, 50.0)	(-13.8, 52.2)	(-13.7, 52.8)	(-25.4, 59.9)	(-25.4, 60.6)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	-4.5	-19	2.8	4.6	-10.1	-7.5	
C		(-27.3 18 2)	(-26.7 22.9)	$(-16.3 \ 21 \ 9)$	(-15.7, 25.0)	(-47.3 27 0)	$(-47.1 \ 32.1)$	
	5 days/week	38	36	10.8	11.6	-2 2	-3.5	
	e augo week	(-24.6, 32.2)	(-24.6, 31.8)	(-27.1, 48.8)	(-27.0, 50.2)	(-43.0, 38.6)	(-45.3, 38.3)	
P for trend		0.24	0.22	0.85	0.89	0.25	0.24	
Activity score (pe	r unit)	-4.9	-4.7	-3.5	-2.9	-6.3	-6.6	0.28
. · · ·	,	(-7.2, -2.7)	(-6.9, -2.4)	(-6.6, -0.4)	(-6.0, 0.2)	(-10.7, -2.0)	(-11.2, -1.9)	

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<sup>6</sup> Model 1 is adjusted for age and gender; Model 2 is additionally adjusted for BMI and IMD score

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Exposure		Mod	erate-to-vigorous	physical activity (	minutes/day): mea	n difference (95% o	confidence inter	val)
		All (N=987)		Boys (N=439)		Girls (N=548)		P for gende
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.64
attends	1-2 days/week	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.1	
sport/exercise		(-0.4, 6.8)	(-0.5, 6.6)	(-3.3, 9.8)	(-3.7, 9.2)	(-0.5, 6.8)	(-0.6, 6.8)	
club at school	3-4 days/week	6.7	6.4	8.0	7.3	5.7	5.6	
		(1.7, 11.8)	(1.4, 11.4)	(1.0, 15.1)	(0.1, 14.4)	(0.6, 10.7)	(0.5, 10.7)	
	5 days/week	5.3	5.1	6.6	5.8	3.2	3.1	
		(-1.3, 11.9)	(-1.5, 11.8)	(-1.4, 14.6)	(-2.2, 13.8)	(-5.0, 11.5)	(-5.5, 11.6)	
P for trend		0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.10	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.53
attends	1-2 days/week	1.8	1.5	4.3	3.6	0.4	0.4	
sport/exercise	-	(-1.9, 5.5)	(-2.4, 5.4)	(-3.2, 11.9)	(-4.4, 11.7)	(-3.5, 4.3)	(-3.5, 4.4)	
club outside of	3-4 days/week	7.3	6.7	10.5	9.0	5.3	5.5	
school		(3.0, 11.5)	(2.4, 11.0)	(2.8, 18.2)	(1.4, 16.6)	(0.6, 10.0)	(0.9, 10.0)	
	5 days/week	10.5	10.1	14.3	13.4	7.3	7.3	
		(4.6, 16.5)	(3.9, 16.2)	(6.3, 22.3)	(4.8, 22.0)	(-0.8, 15.3)	(-0.6, 15.2)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.01	0.008	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.32
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	
friends/family	-	(-4.1, 5.5)	(-4.3, 5.0)	(-7.4, 9.7)	(-8.1, 9.1)	(-6.0, 6.9)	(-6.3, 6.9)	
outside near	3-4 days/week	5.2	4.9	6.7	6.0	4.0	3.9	
home		(-0.8, 11.2)	(-1.0, 10.7)	(-3.5, 16.9)	(-4.0, 15.9)	(-3.6, 11.7)	(-3.8, 11.7)	
	5 days/week	9.9	9.7	13.8	13.3	6.5	6.4	
		(4.4, 15.4)	(4.2, 15.1)	(4.6, 23.0)	(4.0, 22.5)	(-0.5, 13.5)	(-0.7, 13.6)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.005	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.40
plays with	1-2 days/week	2.5	2.2	0.6	0.4	4.1	4.0	
friends/family in	-	(-0.9, 6.0)	(-1.4, 5.8)	(-7.0, 8.2)	(-7.4, 8.2)	(-0.9, 9.2)	(-1.1, 9.1)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	6.6	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.5	6.4	
	2	(2.4, 10.7)	(1.8, 10.8)	(-1.8, 15.3)	(-1.9, 15.7)	(0.4, 12.6)	(0.1, 12.7)	
	5 days/week	8.6	8.4	9.3	9.1	7.9	7.8	
	-	(4.6, 12.5)	(4.3, 12.6)	(1.6, 16.9)	(1.0, 17.2)	(2.5, 13.3)	(2.4, 13.3)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.003	
Activity score (pe	r unit)	2.13	2.09	2.58	2.49	1.67	1.66	0.07
, u	,	(1.44, 2.82)	(1.37, 2.81)	(1.73, 3.43)	(1.55, 3.42)	(0.86, 2.47)	(0.85, 2.48)	

Table \$5 Mean difference in the children's average MVPA minutes ner day associated with different activities for those with complete data (N=987)\*

posure		Meeting government guideline: odds ratio (95% confidence interval) All (N=087) $P_{\text{over}}$ (N=430) $P_{\text{over}}$ (N=548) $P_{\text{over}}$ (N=548)							
		All (N=987) Model 1	Model 2	<u>Boys (N=439)</u> Model 1	Model 2	<u>Giris (N=548)</u> Model 1	) Model 2	interaction	
equency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.25	
ends	1-2 days/week	1.27	1.25	0.97	0.93	1.57	1.57		
ort/exercise		(0.94, 1.71)	(0.93, 1.69)	(0.58, 1.63)	(0.55, 1.55)	(1.09, 2.25)	(1.09, 2.26)		
b at school	3-4 days/week	1.77	1.72	1.97	1.86	1.65	1.66		
	5	(1.05, 2.97)	(1.03, 2.87)	(0.93, 4.18)	(0.88, 3.95)	(0.93, 2.91)	(0.94, 2.92)		
	5 days/week	1.63	1.61	1.49	1.40	1.73	1.76		
	5	(0.96, 2.77)	(0.95, 2.74)	(0.75, 2.96)	(0.70, 2.77)	(0.78, 3.85)	(0.78, 3.96)		
or trend		0.03	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.07		
aency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.66	
ıds	1-2 days/week	1.32	1.29	1.53	1.46	1.19	1.21		
t/exercise	2	(0.91, 1.91)	(0.88, 1.88)	(0.89, 2.62)	(0.83, 2.57)	(0.72, 1.97)	(0.74, 1.99)		
outside of	3-4 days/week	2.06	1.97	2.56	2.28	1.77	1.81		
ol	-	(1.38, 3.07)	(1.32, 2.95)	(1.32, 4.98)	(1.18, 4.40)	(1.05, 2.98)	(1.09, 3.03)		
	5 days/week	2.89	2.80	4.13	3.92	2.09	2.14		
		(1.76, 4.73)	(1.69, 4.63)	(1.97, 8.68)	(1.82, 8.44)	(1.06, 4.12)	(1.10, 4.18)		
r trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.006	0.004		
ency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.89	
with	1-2 days/week	1.16	1.13	1.03	0.98	1.40	1.41		
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Figure S1 Scatter plot of sedentary time by activity score in the observed data (N=1003)

Figure S2 Scatter plot of time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by activity score in the observed data (N=1003)



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**Objectives:** Assess the extent to which participation in organised physical activity in the

31 school or community outside school hours, and neighbourhood play, were associated with

32 children's physical activity and sedentary time.

**Design:** Cross-sectional study.

34 Setting: Children were recruited from 47 state funded primary schools in Southwest England.

**Participants:** 1223 8-9 year old children.

**Outcome measures:** Accelerometer-assessed moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical

37 activity (MVPA) and sedentary time.

Methods: Children wore an accelerometer and mean minutes of MVPA and sedentary time per day were derived. Children reported their attendance at organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours, and neighbourhood play, using a piloted questionnaire. Cross-sectional linear and logistic regression were used to examine if attendance frequency at each setting (and all settings combined) was associated with moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) and sedentary time. Multiple imputation methods were used to account for missing data and increase sample size. **Results:** Children who attended clubs at school 3-4 days per week obtained an average of 7.58 (95% CI: 2.7 to 12.4) more minutes of MVPA per day than children who never attended. Report of participation in the three other non-school-based activities were similarly associated with MVPA. Evidence for associations with sedentary time was generally weaker. Associations were similar in girls and boys. When the four different contexts were combined,

52 each additional 1-2 activities participated in per week increased participants' odds (OR: 1.18,

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95% CI: 1.12 to 1.26) of meeting the Government recommendations for 60 minutes of
MVPA per day.

56 Conclusion: Participating in organised physical activity at school and in the community is 57 associated with greater physical activity and reduced sedentary time among both boys and 58 girls. All four types of activity contribute to overall physical activity, which provides parents 59 with a range of settings in which to help their child be active.

61 Key words: Physical activity, children, accelerometer, clubs, extra-curricular, play

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#### INTRODUCTION

Physical activity is associated with improved mental well-being, reduced risk of obesity and lower blood pressure among children.[1] Sedentary time may also be a risk factor for noncommunicable diseases but it is not clear if this effect is independent of physical activity.[2-4] The UK Chief Medical Officers recommend that all children and young people should engage in at least an hour per day of moderate-to-vigorous-intensity physical activity (MVPA) and limit sedentary time. [5] however considerable proportions of children do not meet these guidelines.[6] For example, data from the nationally-representative Millennium cohort showed that only 51% of 7-8 year olds met the recommendation.[7] The amount of time children spend engaged in MVPA gradually declines with age, while sedentary time increases. [6 8-11] Strategies to increase children's physical activity are needed. The majority of interventions to increase children's physical activity have been delivered during school time.[12 13] These interventions have included strategies such as changes to the physical education provision and new educational programmes based on information

sharing and personal goal setting [12-14] Overall, these programmes have tended to report no 

effect, weak effects or moderate effects in sub-groups.[12-16] Potential reasons for this are

the difficulty faced in adding interventions to already full school-curricula and the lack of 

skills and training that teachers have for delivering a range of activities to engage the

majority of children.[17] As such, there is a need to understand the potential of organised

physical activity outside school hours to increase MVPA.

After-school programmes have the potential to facilitate physical activity for children, as schools have space in which children can be active, staff who can be trained, and many 

parents welcome programmes that provide childcare. [16 18-21] Although a number of studies

98	have examined the potential of delivering such sessions, it is not clear whether attendance at
99	the programmes currently provided by schools is associated with higher overall levels of
100	MVPA.[18-21] There is also a lack of information about how attendance at community-based
101	physical activity clubs contributes to overall MVPA. Furthermore, as not all children attend
102	after-school programmes, it is not clear how other activities such as playing in the
103	neighbourhood or at home in the garden contribute to overall MVPA. A key question,
104	therefore, is whether the frequency of participation in organised physical activity in the
105	school or community after school hours, neighbourhood play or home play is associated with
106	the MVPA and sedentary time of children. Since some children will be active in all four
107	settings, it would also be informative to examine collective participation across all settings.
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109	The aim of this study was to assess among children (8-9 years of age) the extent to which
110	participation in organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours,
111	and playing with friends or family near the home or in the garden were associated with
112	MVPA and sedentary time. A secondary aim was to examine if there was a cumulative
113	association between participation in the four different types of activities with both MVPA
114	and sedentary time.
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116	METHODS
117	The current analyses used data from the B-Proact1v study, which has been described in detail
118	elsewhere.[11 22 23] Briefly, the study aimed to examine physical activity behaviours of
119	children and their parents over the course of primary school. Between 2012 and 2013, data
120	were collected from 1299 Year 1 children (5-6 years of age) from 57 schools in Bristol (UK).

- 121 Between March 2015 and July 2016, all 57 schools were approached to re-join the study
- when the children were in Year 4 (8-9 years of age), with 47 schools agreeing to take part
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123	(1223 children). The current analyses used data from the Year 4 assessments. The study
124	received ethical approval from the School for Policy Studies Ethics Committee at the
125	University of Bristol, and written parent consent was received for all participants.
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127	Data collection
128	Data were collected at schools, with children asked to complete a brief questionnaire. As
129	indicators of organised physical activity outside school hours in school and in the community
130	respectively, we asked "How often do you attenda) a sport or exercise club at school (NOT
131	including PE)? and b) a sport or exercise club at places other than your school (like a football
132	club or ballet)?" To indicate neighbourhood play outside and within the home we asked
133	"How much do you play with your friends and family a) outside near your home? and b) in
134	your home or garden?". These questions each had four response options: "Never", "1-2 days
135	per week", "3-4 days per week" or "5 days per week". We assigned these 0, 1, 2 and 3 points
136	respectively and summed responses to derive an overall activity score ranging from 0 to 12,
137	with a higher value indicating a higher frequency of activity participation.
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139	Child height was measured to the nearest 0.1cm using a SECA Leicester stadiometer (HAB
140	International, Northampton). Weight was recorded to the nearest 0.1kg using a SECA 899
141	digital scale (HAB International, Northampton). Child Body Mass Index ( $BMI = kg/m^2$ ) was
142	then calculated and converted to an age- and gender-specific standard deviation score.[24 25]
143	Children wore a waist-worn ActiGraph wGT3X-BT accelerometer for five days including
144	two weekend days. Parents provided demographic information via a questionnaire, including
145	child gender and date of birth. Where children's date of birth was missing (20.5% of
146	children), they were assigned the median age of 9.0 years. Indices of Multiple Deprivation
147	(IMD) scores, based upon the English Indices of Deprivation

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12 13	152	Accelerometer data reduction
14 15	153	Accelerometer data were processed using Kinesoft (v3.3.75; Kinesoft, Saskatchewan,
16 17	154	Canada). At least three valid days of data were required for accelerometer data to be
18 19	155	considered complete for a given child and included in analysis, where a valid day was defined
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25 26	158	in the number of minutes of accelerometer data that are required to be considered
27 28	159	representative of a valid day.[26] These have ranged from 360 minutes per day which has
29 30 31	160	been used for 6 to 8 year old children, [27] to 800 minutes which has been used for older
32 33	161	children.[28 29] Within the field there is no consensus on the minimum number of minutes
34 35	162	per day that are needed for a day to be considered valid. We, therefore, adopted a 500 minute
36 37	163	per day threshold to ensure that our data are comparable to the methods employed by the
38 39 40	164	International Children's Accelerometer Database,[6] which has pooled data from over 27,000
40 41 42	165	children across 20 large global cohorts. The child's average number of sedentary and MVPA
43 44	166	minutes per day were derived using population-specific cut points for children.[30] We also
45 46	167	derived a binary variable indicating whether the child's average daily MVPA was greater
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171	The associations of child characteristics (gender, age, BMI z-score, and IMD) with activity
172	participation were examined in the observed data using t-tests, Pearson's correlation
173	coefficients, chi-squared tests and one-way analysis of variance as appropriate.
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175	Multiple imputation of missing data was used to create 20 imputed datasets for the 1223 Year
176	4 children. We used 20 cycles of regression switching and combined regression coefficients
177	across datasets using Rubin's rules.[31] We imputed separately for boys and girls to allow for
178	associations to differ by gender. All exposures (organised physical activity attendance and
179	neighbourhood play), outcomes (sedentary time and MVPA), potential confounders (gender,
180	age, BMI z-score, and IMD) and child's school were included in multiple imputation models,
181	and achievement of the MVPA guideline and overall activity score were imputed passively.
182	Any children with less than three valid days of accelerometer data had their accelerometer
183	measures imputed.
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185	We examined the pairwise associations of the activity participation variables by
186	dichotomising, cross-tabulating and fitting unadjusted logistic regression models of one
187	frequency variable on another.
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189	We used linear regression models to examine the associations of activity participation and the
190	overall activity score with the child's average sedentary and MVPA minutes per day, and
191	logistic regression models to examine associations with achievement of the MVPA guideline.
192	In Model 1 we adjusted for gender and age, and in Model 2 we adjusted additionally for BMI
193	z-score and IMD. To account for the clustering of children in schools and the associated
194	potential to underestimate the standard errors which are used to compute the 95% confidence
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195	intervals and p-values, robust standard errors, which took account of the school level
196	clustering, were used for all models. Combined Wald tests were used to test for evidence of
197	interaction between the child's gender and the exposure of interest.
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199	We predicted the children's mean number of sedentary and MVPA minutes per day by
200	frequency of participation in each activity based on linear combinations of the regression
201	coefficients from fully-adjusted models (Model 2).
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203	Regression analyses were repeated restricting to the children who had complete data for all
204	exposures, outcomes and co-variables and compared with the multiple imputation analysis.
205	We also produced scatter plots of sedentary time and MVPA by the overall activity score in
206	the observed data.
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208	A sensitivity analysis was performed including accelerometer data for any children who had
209	at least one valid day of measures to assess whether only including accelerometer data for
210	children who recorded at least three valid days influenced our results. All analyses were
211	performed in Stata version 14.0 (StataCorp, 2015).
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213	RESULTS
214	The distributions of characteristics of the children in the observed data, multiple imputation
215	datasets and subset with complete information are shown in Table 1. All characteristics
216	showed similar distributions in each of the datasets and had only a small proportion of
217	missing data (maximum 16.1% for accelerometer measures).

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Child Characteristic		Observed da	ata	Imputed data (N=1223)	Complete data (N=987)	
		N available	Mean (SD) or %	Mean (SD) or %	Mean (SD) or %	
Sedentary time at Year 4 (mins/	day)	1026	445.4 (115.4)	444.7 (120.1)	446.0 (116.9)	
MVPA at Year 4 (mins/day)		1026	61.6 (21.9)	61.9 (22.5)	61.8 (21.8)	
Met MVPA guidelines at Year	No	1163	53.2	52.6	53.4	
4	Yes	-	46.8	47.4	46.6	
Gender	Boy	1223	45.5	45.5	44.5	
	Girl		54.5	54.5	55.5	
Age at Year 4 (years)	6	1223	9.03 (0.41)	9.03 (0.41)	9.03 (0.43)	
BMI z score at Year 4		1208	0.35 (1.08)	0.36 (1.08)	0.31 (1.07)	
IMD score at Year 4		1204	15.9 (14.1)	15.9 (14.2)	15.3 (13.6)	
Frequency child attends	Never	1215	27.8	27.9	28.2	
sport/exercise club at school	1-2 days per week		45.5	45.5	45.8	
	3-4 days per week		16.1	16.1	16.6	
	5 days per week		10.5	10.5	9.4	
Frequency child attends	Never	1214	20.6	20.6	19.4	
sport/exercise club outside	1-2 days per week		50.2	50.2	51.0	
school	3-4 days per week		20.8	20.9	21.5	
	5 days per week	-	8.3	8.3	8.2	
Frequency child plays with	Never	1205	6.3	6.4	6.5	
friends/family outside near	1-2 days per week		33.7	33.7	34.3	
home	3-4 days per week		29.0	28.9	29.7	
	5 days per week		31.0	30.9	29.5	
Frequency child plays with	Never	1199	9.6	9.7	8.8	
friends/family in home or	1-2 days per week		34.5	34.6	35.0	
garden	3-4 days per week		26.8	26.7	27.8	
	5 days per week		29.1	29.0	28.5	
Activity frequency score	·	1193	5.88 (2.29)	5.86 (2.29)	5.84 (2.26)	

 Table 1 Characteristics of children who took part in the Year 4 phase of the B-Proact1v Study (observed and multiple imputation) N=1223)

#### 219 Associations of child characteristics with activity participation

Table S1 shows child activity attendance by gender. Girls tended to report lower frequencies of participating in organised physical activity in the school or community outside school hours, and had a lower mean overall activity score. There was no gender difference in friends/family play either in or outside of the home. The associations of other child characteristics with activity participation are shown in Table S2. There was some evidence that children who more frequently attended a sport/exercise club outside of school had a higher mean age. Child BMI was not strongly associated with any particular activity, but there was weak evidence that the overall activity score decreased with increasing BMI Z-score. Children who reported attendance of "Never" or "5 days/week" generally had the highest IMD scores, suggesting a U-shaped association, and there was a negative correlation between the overall activity score and IMD.

#### 232 Inter-relationships of activity participation frequencies

Participating in one type of activity more frequently was generally associated with a higher
frequency of participation in each of the others, except that attendance at a sport/exercise club

235 outside of school was not associated with playing outside near the home (Table S3).

#### 237 Associations of activity participation with sedentary time and MVPA

238 There was a negative correlation of the overall activity score with sedentary time and a

positive correlation between the overall activity score and MVPA (Figures S1 and S2).

Table 2 shows the mean difference in sedentary time by activity participation and overall

activity score in the multiple imputation datasets, and Figure 1 shows the predicted sedentary

time by activity participation. Sedentary time decreased on average with increasing frequency

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of attending sport/exercise clubs either at school or outside of school and with increasing frequency of playing with friends/family outside near the home in regression models adjusted for gender and age (Model 1). The association between sport/exercise club attendance outside of school and sedentary time weakened slightly on additional adjustment for BMI Z-score and IMD (Model 2) but other associations remained. An increase in children's overall activity score was also strongly associated with a reduction in sedentary time in both models. However, there was no evidence of an association between playing with friends/family at home and sedentary time. Associations did not differ between boys and girls. Findings were similar when restricted to children who had complete data (Table S4). 

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Exposure			Sedenta	ary time (minutes/d	ay): mean difference	(95% confidence in	terval)	
		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)		Girls (N=667)		P for gender interaction
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.69
attends	1-2 days/week	-4.2	-3.0	7.9	8.9	-13.0	-11.5	
sport/exercise club		(-22.5, 14.0)	(-21.4, 15.4)	(-16.6, 32.3)	(-15.9, 33.7)	(-38.3, 12.4)	(-37.5, 14.4)	
at school	3-4 days/week	-31.1	-28.8	-18.7	-16.9	-40.1	-37.3	
		(-50.7, -11.5)	(-46.4, -11.3)	(-41.8, 4.4)	(-41.2, 7.3)	(-71.7, -8.5)	(-65.4, -9.2)	
	5 days/week	-18.7	-18.8	-9.6	-7.3	-26.0	-33.3	
		(-42.9, 5.6)	(-42.1, 4.5)	(-37.7, 18.4)	(-34.9, 20.4)	(-66.8, 14.8)	(-82.0, 15.5)	
P for trend		0.02	0.01	0.17	0.23	0.05	0.04	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.81
attends	1-2 days/week	14.8	18.0	21.5	25.9	11.0	13.6	
sport/exercise club		(-9.1, 38.7)	(-8.9, 45.0)	(-7.4, 50.5)	(-4.5, 56.4)	(-19.9, 42.0)	(-20.5, 47.7)	
outside of school	3-4 days/week	-7.2	-1.5	-1.0	4.8	-10.5	-4.1	
		(-27.0, 12.6)	(-23.4, 20.4)	(-32.8, 30.8)	(-27.1, 36.6)	(-30.5, 9.5)	(-27.3, 19.0)	
	5 days/week	-19.9	-15.5	-12.6	-7.7	-25.2	-20.6	
		(-41.1, 1.2)	(-37.7, 6.8)	(-42.4, 17.1)	(-36.5, 21.1)	(-55.0, 4.6)	(-52.1, 11.0)	
P for trend		0.02	0.07	0.12	0.16	0.07	0.23	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.56
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.77	2.3	19.2	21.2	-16.6	-15.6	
friends/family	-	(-28.5, 30.0)	(-28.0, 32.7)	(-16.5, 55.0)	(-14.4, 56.8)	(-63.1, 30.0)	(-65.0, 33.9)	
outside near home	3-4 days/week	-5.2	-2.8	7.6	10.6	-17.6	-16.1	
		(-29.9, 19.6)	(-29.4, 23.7)	(-28.4, 43.5)	(-25.5, 46.6)	(-65.8, 30.5)	(-67.4, 35.3)	
	5 days/week	-23.4	-24.1	-11.0	-10.2	-35.4	-37.8	
		(-49.0, 2.1)	(-50.8, 2.7)	(-45.2, 23.2)	(-44.4, 24.0)	(-79.9, 9.0)	(-86.6, 10.9)	
P for trend		0.004	0.001	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.02	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.90
plays with	1-2 days/week	16.2	17.9	19.2	20.6	13.1	14.9	
friends/family in		(-13.8, 46.3)	(-12.5, 48.2)	(-22.9, 61.3)	(-21.5, 62.7)	(-25.8, 52.0)	(-24.3, 54.1)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	-39	-0.7	39	65	-10 7	-64	
	5 . uu j 57 e e ii	(-288209)	(-267254)	(-305384)	(-28, 7, 41, 7)	(-46, 6, 25, 3)	(-42.9, 30.1)	
	5 days/week	5.3	6.1	9.9	11.6	1.2	0.6	
		(-22.9, 33.5)	(-22.5, 34.7)	(-32.5, 52.3)	(-31.2, 54.4)	(-39.2, 41.5)	(-40.2, 41.5)	
P for trend		0.49	0.49	0.85	0.91	0.49	0.45	
Activity score (per u	unit)	-4.8	-4.6	-3.8	-3.4	-5.9	-5.9	0.41
, u	<i>,</i>	(-7.3, -2.3)	(-7.0, -2.1)	(-7.7, 0.1)	(-7.2, 0.4)	(-10.0, -1.7)	(-10.2, -1.6)	

\* Model 1 is adjusted for age and gender; Model 2 is additionally adjusted for BMI and IMD score

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The mean difference in MVPA by each of the activity variables in the multiple imputation data is shown in Table 3, with predicted MVPA by activity participation presented in Figure 2. A higher frequency of attending sport/exercise clubs either at school or outside of school and of play either outside or in the home/garden were all associated with greater MVPA on average in Models 1 and 2. Associations were similar in boys and girls. A higher overall activity score was also associated with greater MVPA, with some evidence that this association was stronger in boys than in girls. Associations were similar when restricted to children with complete data (Table S5).

Exposure		Moder	Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (minutes/day): mean difference (95% confidence interval)									
		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)		Girls (N=667)		P for gender				
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction				
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.64				
attends	1-2 days/week	3.7	3.6	4.4	4.1	3.2	3.1					
sport/exercise		(0.3, 7.2)	(0.1, 7.0)	(-2.1, 10.9)	(-2.3, 10.5)	(-0.3, 6.7)	(-0.3, 6.6)					
club at school	3-4 days/week	7.8	7.5	10.1	9.6	5.9	5.8					
		(2.9, 12.6)	(2.7, 12.4)	(2.6, 17.7)	(2.0, 17.2)	(0.9, 10.8)	(0.9, 10.7)					
	5 days/week	5.9	5.7	7.5	7.0	3.8	3.6					
		(-0.1, 11.8)	(-0.3, 11.7)	(-0.4, 15.4)	(-1.1, 15.0)	(-3.7, 11.3)	(-4.1, 11.4)					
P for trend		0.007	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06					
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.80				
attends	1-2 days/week	0.9	0.7	1.8	1.3	0.5	0.5					
sport/exercise	•	(-2.5, 4.3)	(-2.9, 4.4)	(-4.7, 8.3)	(-5.5, 8.2)	(-3.3, 4.4)	(-3.4, 4.5)					
club outside of	3-4 days/week	6.9	6.5	8.9	8.1	5.5	5.6					
school	2	(2.4, 11.5)	(1.9, 11.2)	(1.0, 16.8)	(0.1, 16.0)	(0.9, 10.1)	(1.1, 10.2)					
	5 days/week	9.9	9.6	11.8	11.2	8.2	8.2					
	5	(3.8, 16.0)	(3.3, 15.9)	(3.4, 20.1)	(2.4, 19.9)	(0.7, 15.7)	(0.8, 15.7)					
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.002	0.007	0.006					
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.19				
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.7	0.4	0.0	-0.5	1.4	1.3					
friends/family	5	(-4.6, 6.0)	(-4.9, 5.6)	(-9.3, 9.2)	(-9.9, 8.9)	(-6.0, 8.8)	(-6.2, 8.7)					
outside near	3-4 days/week	5.1	4.8	6.1	5.7	4.4	4.3					
home	2	(-0.9, 11.1)	(-1.1, 10.7)	(-4.1, 16.3)	(-4.5, 15.9)	(-3.5, 12.3)	(-3.7, 12.2)					
	5 days/week	9.6	9.5	13.0	12.9	6.7	6.6					
	5	(4.0, 15.3)	(3.9, 15.2)	(3.3, 22.8)	(3.0, 22.7)	(-0.7, 14.0)	(-0.9, 14.0)					
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.005	0.006					
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.38				
plays with	1-2 days/week	2.0	1.6	-0.1	-0.6	3.8	3.6					
friends/family in	, <i>b</i> , <b>c</b> on	(-2.4.6.4)	(-2.7.6.0)	(-8.4.8.3)	(-8.9, 7.7)	(-2.2. 9.8)	(-2.4, 9.7)					
home/garden	3-4 days/week	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.4	5.7	5.5					
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	5 days/week	74	71	83	77	66	6.5					
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P for trend	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.006	0.02	0.02	264
Activity score (per unit)	2.1	2.0	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.6	0.06
	(1.4, 2.7)	(1.4, 2.7)	(1.7, 3.4)	(1.6, 3.4)	(0.8, 2.3)	(0.8, 2.3)	265
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The associations of activity variables with achievement of the hour per day government guideline in the multiple imputation data are shown in Table 4. A higher frequency of participation in any of the activities, or an increase in the overall activity score, was associated with increased odds of meeting the government guideline in both models. Associations were similar in girls and boys. A unit increase in the activity score was associated with around an 18% increase in the odds of achieving 60 minutes of MVPA per

day. Findings were unchanged when restricting to those with complete data (Table S6).

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Exposure			Meeting government guideline: odds ratio (95% confidence interval)							
		All (N=1223)		Boys (N=556)		Girls (N=667)		P for gender		
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	interaction		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.34		
attends	1-2 days/week	1.33	1.31	1.10	1.07	1.54	1.54			
sport/exercise		(0.98, 1.81)	(0.97, 1.78)	(0.65, 1.86)	(0.63, 1.81)	(1.06, 2.23)	(1.07, 2.21)			
club at school	3-4 days/week	1.87	1.83	2.22	2.14	1.63	1.63			
		(1.16, 3.01)	(1.14, 2.93)	(1.09, 4.53)	(1.04, 4.40)	(0.94, 2.85)	(0.94, 2.82)			
	5 days/week	1.69	1.67	1.61	1.55	1.76	1.77			
		(1.03, 2.78)	(1.02, 2.76)	(0.83, 3.09)	(0.79, 3.02)	(0.84, 3.69)	(0.84, 3.73)			
P for trend		0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05			
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.93		
attends	1-2 days/week	1.14	1.13	1.21	1.18	1.11	1.12			
sport/exercise		(0.80, 1.64)	(0.77, 1.64)	(0.74, 1.98)	(0.70, 1.99)	(0.68, 1.80)	(0.69, 1.82)			
club outside of	3-4 days/week	1.82	1.75	2.07	1.95	1.66	1.69			
school		(1.22, 2.72)	(1.16, 2.65)	(1.11, 3.87)	(1.03, 3.67)	(0.99, 2.78)	(1.01, 2.83)			
	5 days/week	2.70	2.63	3.24	3.15	2.30	2.33			
		(1.57, 4.62)	(1.51, 4.58)	(1.49, 7.07)	(1.41, 7.06)	(1.12, 4.72)	(1.14, 4.77)			
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.001	0.009	0.008			
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.74		
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.15	1.12	0.98	0.94	1.47	1.47			
friends/family		(0.70, 1.88)	(0.69, 1.82)	(0.46, 2.09)	(0.43, 2.06)	(0.62, 3.45)	(0.63, 3.43)			
outside near	3-4 days/week	1.88	1.84	1.62	1.59	2.32	2.32			
home		(1.12, 3.16)	(1.11, 3.06)	(0.73, 3.58)	(0.70, 3.58)	(0.91, 5.91)	(0.92, 5.88)			
	5 days/week	2.11	2.10	2.08	2.07	2.35	2.36			
		(1.26, 3.52)	(1.26, 3.49)	(0.92, 4.69)	(0.91, 4.74)	(0.93, 5.99)	(0.93, 6.02)			
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.003	0.002	0.01	0.02			
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.21		
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.27	1.23	0.94	0.90	1.75	1.75			
friends/family in		(0.84, 1.91)	(0.81, 1.86)	(0.52, 1.72)	(0.49, 1.64)	(0.84, 3.64)	(0.84, 3.65)			
home/garden	3-4 days/week	1.51	1.46	1.29	1.28	1.80	1.80			
-	-	(1.00, 2.28)	(0.96, 2.23)	(0.70, 2.40)	(0.68, 2.44)	(0.86, 3.80)	(0.86, 3.79)			
	5 davs/week	1.71	1.67	1.71	1.62	1.80	1.81			

P for trend	0.005	0.006	0.01	0.02	0.21	0.21	27
Activity score (per unit)	1.18 (1.12, 1.25)	1.18 (1.11, 1.25)	1.21 (1.12, 1.30)	1.20 (1.11, 1.30)	1.16 (1.07, 1.25)	1.16 (1.07, 1.25)	0.52 270
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#### 278 Sensitivity Analysis

When we changed the inclusion criteria for accelerometer measures from three to one valid
day, findings were largely unchanged, except that boys showed a stronger association
between sport/exercise club attendance at their school and MVPA than girls (p for interaction
= 0.03 in multiple imputation data).

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#### 284 DISCUSSION

285 The findings demonstrate that increased participation in organised physical activity at school 286 and in the community are associated with greater overall physical activity and reduced 287 sedentary time among both boys and girls. Specifically, a child who attends a school-based 288 club 3-4 days per week obtained 7.8 more minutes of MVPA per day than a child who did not 289 attend at all, with attendance of five days a week at a sport/exercise club outside of school 290 associated with 10.9 more minutes of MVPA than children who never attended clubs. There 291 were comparable patterns for engagement in non-organised activity at home or in the 292 neighbourhood, both were associated with increased MVPA, but only activity outside of the 293 home was associated with reduced sedentary time. When the four different contexts of 294 physical activity were combined, the analyses showed that each additional 1-2 activities 295 participated in per week increased the odds of meeting the Chief Medical Officers' 296 recommendation of 60 minutes of MVPA per day by 18%. Thus, encouraging children to 297 attend after-school and community-based physical activity clubs, as well as to play at home 298 and in the neighbourhood is critical for helping children to increase MVPA. Moreover, in 299 light of the relative consistency in findings for each of the four forms of physical activity, the 300 message to parents should be that physical activity can be accumulated in all four settings 301 which allows them to find a balance that works for their family. For some families with 302 working parents, after-school programmes may be the key activity to focus on, whereas for

other families encouraging children to play in the neighbourhood is likely to be useful for
 maximising physical activity. Furthermore, as there was little evidence that play at home was
 associated with a reduction in sedentary time, it is also important to examine ways of
 encouraging non-sedentary activities within the home.

The findings in this paper support previous research which has shown that introducing extracurricular clubs into the school day can promote increased physical activity among primary school-aged children.[32] The study is in broad agreement with the body of work, which has shown that risky outdoor play and higher independent mobility are associated with higher levels of physical activity among children.[33-36] These findings complement these bodies of work by showing an additional effect of accumulating physical activity across different settings to maximise the overall amount of physical activity in which children engage.

The UK Childhood Obesity strategy recommends that all primary schools should provide at least 30 minutes per day of physical activity opportunities across the curriculum, break times and extra-curricular activities.[37] The data presented here show that in the imputed dataset 72.2% of Year 4 children were attending school-based programmes at least once per week and 10.5% were attending five days per week. Previous research has shown that in the UK, after-school clubs for primary school children tend to be dominated by team sports, such as football and rugby, with limited provision for non-competitive physical activities.[38] Thus, increasing the number and variety of sessions that children attend and improving the quality of those sessions is likely to provide a cost effective means of increasing children's physical activity. This hypothesis is consistent with the recent Theory of Expanded, Extended and Enhanced Opportunities (TEO), which suggests that the most effective means of increasing children's physical activity will be provided by extending and expanding current
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provision.[19] Thus, schools and community groups should be encouraged to extend current after-school provision to more children, diversify the activities to interest more pupils (preferably involving pupils in deciding what activities to offer), and enhance the quality of provision to maximise the amount of activity obtained. These relatively simple changes could be made at each school and would provide scalable ways for increasing overall levels of physical activity and contributing to the UK government's goal of reducing the prevalence of childhood obesity.

336 Strengths and limitations

The major strength of this study is the large sample size and provision of detailed information about participation in four different physical activity settings alongside accelerometer-assessed physical activity. In addition, the use of multiple imputation models to provide estimates for participants with missing data using a robust methodology has enabled us to maximise the sample for analysis. The study is limited by the cross-sectional design, which limits the ability to infer causation between frequency of participation in different settings and levels of physical activity. All questions were self-reported and it is possible that some were recalled more accurately than others. Moreover, as the questions used were developed for this project we do not have information on the reliability and validity of the scale. The report of play within the home is likely to include both sedentary and physically active forms of play, as the question included play indoors, which could be expected to be more sedentary, as well as outdoors in the garden, which is likely to be more active. Equally, as the question focussed on play with friends or family we do not have any information about individual play, and we were unable to disentangle these inter-related issues. We also cannot rule out the possibility of residual confounding, but have adjusted for several key potential confounding

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variables in order to minimise this. The study is also drawn from the greater Bristol area in
the UK and as such our ability to extend findings to other settings and countries is limited.

## 355 CONCLUSIONS

Participation in organised physical activity at school and in the community is associated with greater physical activity and reduced sedentary time among both boys and girls. In light of the challenges of promoting physical activity during school time, parents should encourage children to attend after school clubs, attend community activity groups and play in the neighbourhood to help their children to meet physical activity guidelines. The data show that all four types of activity contribute similarly to overall physical activity and there is therefore an opportunity for families to find the best mix of options for them.

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# Figure 2 Predicted time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by type of activity using multiple imputation (N=1223)\*

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# Organised physical activity, neighbourhood play and child physical activity

STROBE Statement-checklist of items that should be included in reports of observational studies

	Item No	Recommendation
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract
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		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done
		and what was found – Pages 2.3
Introduction		
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported
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Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses – Page 6.
Methods		
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper Pages 6-7.
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment,
-		exposure, follow-up, and data collection Page 6.
Participants	6	(a) Cohort study—Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of
		selection of participants. Describe methods of follow-up
		<i>Case-control study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of
		case ascertainment and control selection. Give the rationale for the choice of cases
		and controls
		<i>Cross-sectional study</i> —Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of
		selection of participants Page 7
		(b) Cohort study—For matched studies, give matching criteria and number of
		exposed and unexposed
		Case-control study—For matched studies, give matching criteria and the number of
		controls per case
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect
		modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable - Page 7-8
Data sources/	8*	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of
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		is more than one group Page 7-8
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias – Page 8
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at - Page 8
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable,
		describe which groupings were chosen and why - Pages 8-9
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding
		– Pages 8-9
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions – Pages 8-9
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed - Pages 8-9
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		addressed
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		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram - NA
Descriptive	14*	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information
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		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest - Table 1
		(c) Cohort study—Summarise follow-up time (eg, average and total amount)
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		Case-control study-Report numbers in each exposure category, or summary measures of
		exposure
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Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their
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		why they were included – Tables 2-4
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized - Tables 2-4
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		time period Discussion – Page 18
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done-eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity
		analyses – Supplementary tables
Discussion		
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives - Page 21
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision.
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\*Give information separately for cases and controls in case-control studies and, if applicable, for exposed and unexposed groups in cohort and cross-sectional studies.

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Figure 2 Predicted time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by type of activity using multiple imputation (N=1223)\*

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 Figure S2 Scatter plot of time spent in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity by activity score in the observed data (N=1003)

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Table S1 Frequencies of sport/exercise club attendance and play outside and inside the home and mean activity score by gender in the observed data

		Boys		Girls		Chi-squared p-value for
Frequency child attends sport/exercise club at school	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	144 (25 235 (42 90 (16. 86 (15.	5.9) 2.3) 2) 5)	194 (2) 318 (4) 106 (1) 42 (6.4)	9.4) 8.2) 6.1)	<0.001
Frequency child attends sport/exercise club outside of school	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	85 (15. 289 (52 121 (2 60 (10.	3) 2.1) 1.8) 8)	165 (2: 321 (4: 132 (2: 41 (6.2	5.0) 8.7) 0.0) 2)	<0.001
Frequency child plays with friends/family outside near home	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	36 (6.6 187 (34 142 (25 184 (33	() (4.1) (5.9) (3.5)	40 (6.1 219 (3) 207 (3 190 (2)	) 3.4) 1.6) 9.0)	0.14
Frequency child plays withNever 1-2 days/weekfriends/family in home/garden3-4 days/week5 days/week		53 (9.7) 184 (33.7) 142 (26.0) 167 (30.6)		62 (9.5 230 (3: 179 (2) 182 (2)	5.2) 7.4) 7.9)	0.76
		Boys N	Mean (SD)	Girls N	Mean (SD)	T-test p-value for gender difference
Activity frequency set	Activity frequency score		6.15 (2.42)	651	5.65 (2.16)	<0.001

Table S2 Child characteristics by frequencies of sport/exercise club attendance and play outside and inside the home and activity score in the observed data

		Age (years)		BMI z score		IMD score	
		Mean (SD)	Ν	Mean (SD)	N	Mean (SD)	Ν
Frequency child attends sport/exercise club at school	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	9.03 (0.38) 9.05 (0.43) 9.00 (0.45) 8.99 (0.39)	1215	0.43 (1.14) 0.35 (1.05) 0.29 (1.02) 0.27 (1.13)	1202	17.30 (15.04) 15.54 (14.02) 14.15 (11.07) 16.66 (15.10)	1197
P-value for difference	between categories*	0.31	T	0.36	1	0.07	1
Frequency child attendsNeverattends1-2 days/weeksport/exercise club outside of school3-4 days/week5 days/week		9.01 (0.40) 9.01 (0.43) 9.05 (0.41) 9.12 (0.39)	1214	0.47 (1.07) 0.37 (1.09) 0.23 (1.07) 0.30 (1.06)	1201	20.03 (16.06) 16.02 (14.12) 12.30 (10.25) 14.26 (13.64)	1196
P-value for difference	between categories*	0.05		0.09		< 0.001	
Frequency child plays with friends/family outside near home	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	8.96 (0.47) 9.01 (0.42) 9.05 (0.41) 9.05 (0.40)	1205	0.48 (1.24) 0.31 (1.06) 0.39 (1.07) 0.33 (1.08)	1192	17.60 (16.02) 15.20 (13.83) 14.66 (12.48) 17.66 (15.08)	1187
P-value for difference	between categories <sup>*</sup>	0.23		0.58		0.01	
Frequency child plays with friends/family in home/garden	Never 1-2 days/week 3-4 days/week 5 days/week	8.97 (0.38) 9.02 (0.45) 9.06 (0.41) 9.03 (0.39)	1199	0.50 (1.11) 0.29 (1.09) 0.40 (1.07) 0.32 (1.07)	1186	18.54 (15.94) 15.85 (13.95) 14.24 (12.79) 16.85 (14.55)	1181
P-value for difference	P-value for difference between categories <sup>*</sup>			0.23		0.02	
Activity frequency set	core	Correlation 0.04	P-value 0.13	Correlation -0.05	P-value 0.07	Correlation -0.07	P-value 0.02

		Frequency child attends sport/exercise club at school (%)		Frequency child attends sport/exercise club outside of school (%)		Frequency child plays with friends/family outside near home (%)		Frequency child plays with friends/family in home/garden (%)	
		Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more	Up to 2	3 or more
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Frequency child attends	Up to 2 days/week			76.3	23.7	42.7	57.3	47.3	52.7
sport/exercise club at school	3 or more days/week	-		55.8	44.2	33.2	66.8	36.0	64.0
P for association				< 0.001	•	0.003		0.001	
Frequency child attends	Up to 2 days/week	79.0	21.0			40.2	59.8	46.8	53.2
sport/exercise club outside of school	3 or more days/week	59.7	40.3			40.0	60.0	38.2	61.8
P for association		< 0.001				0.94	·	0.006	·
Frequency child plays with	Up to 2 days/week	78.0	22.0	71.0	29.0			65.1	34.9
friends/family outside near home	3 or more days/week	70.3	29.7	70.8	29.2			30.3	69.7
P for association	· · ·	0.003		0.94				< 0.001	•
Frequency child plays with	Up to 2 days/week	78.3	21.7	74.9	25.1	59.0	41.0		
friends/family in home/garden	3 or more days/week	69.4	30.6	67.6	32.4	25.2	74.8		
P for association	P for association		·	0.006	·	< 0.001			
Total		73.4	26.6	70.8	29.2	40.2	59.8	44.3	55.7

\* Percentages presented are the proportions of children in each row that belong to each of the categories of child activity variables listed along the top of the table.

Exposure		Sedentary time (minutes/day): mean difference (95% confidence interval)All (N=987)Boys (N=439)Girls (N=548)						
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Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.45
attends	1-2 days/week	-0.29	0.0	14.7	15.9	-11.4	-11.9	
sport/exercise		(-21.3, 20.7)	(-21.2, 21.3)	(-10.1, 39.5)	(-9.2, 41.0)	(-39.7, 16.8)	(-41.1, 17.3)	
club at school	3-4 days/week	-26.3	-24.1	-13.8	-9.9	-36.0	-35.4	
		(-40.8, -11.8)	(-37.8, -10.4)	(-31.5, 4.0)	(-29.3, 9.4)	(-59.5, -12.4)	(-59.0, -11.7)	
	5 days/week	-16.0	-16.1	-7.1	-3.1	-22.0	-29.8	
		(-35.3, 3.3)	(-34.4, 2.3)	(-29.7, 15.4)	(-26.9, 20.6)	(-54.6, 10.7)	(-69.2, 9.66)	
P for trend		0.01	0.009	0.19	0.40	0.02	0.02	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.73
attends	1-2 days/week	16.1	20.0	24.6	31.2	10.8	12.9	
sport/exercise		(-7.5, 39.7)	(-7.0, 47.0)	(-3.4, 52.7)	(0.6, 61.8)	(-19.3, 41.0)	(-20.0, 45.9)	
club outside of	3-4 days/week	-6.6	0.1	-3.2	5.6	-7.6	-2.0	
school	•	(-23.2, 10.1)	(-19.6, 19.8)	(-28.8, 22.3)	(-17.7, 28.8)	(-26.3, 11.1)	(-26.7, 22.6)	
	5 days/week	-18.4	-13.8	-13.0	-5.9	-20.8	-18.2	
	-	(-36.5, -0.2)	(-33.8, 6.2)	(-36.3, 10.4)	(-28.8, 16.9)	(-46.0, 4.3)	(-46.4, 10.0)	
P for trend		0.009	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.08	0.28	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.68
plays with	1-2 days/week	4.5	6.0	16.3	20.2	-5.7	-7.1	
friends/family		(-26.7, 35.7)	(-27.5, 39.5)	(-13.4, 45.9)	(-10.1, 50.4)	(-55.7, 44.3)	(-59.0, 44.9)	
outside near	3-4 days/week	-2.5	-0.6	8.3	13.0	-11.9	-13.2	
home		(-30.1, 25.0)	(-31.6, 30.3)	(-23.1, 39.7)	(-19.4, 45.4)	(-68.1, 44.3)	(-71.3, 44.9)	
	5 days/week	-21.6	-21.9	-9.4	-6.4	-32.3	-36.4	
	-	(-49.0, 5.7)	(-50.4, 6.6)	(-35.4, 16.6)	(-32.8, 20.0)	(-78.9, 14.2)	(-86.0, 13.1)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.08	0.08	0.009	0.01	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.86
plays with	1-2 days/week	18.2	18.8	19.2	19.5	17.2	17.6	
friends/family in		(-12.4, 48.8)	(-12.4, 50.0)	(-13.8, 52.2)	(-13.7, 52.8)	(-25.4, 59.9)	(-25.4, 60.6)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	-4.5	-1.9	2.8	4.6	-10.1	-7.5	
	2	(-27.3, 18.2)	(-26.7, 22.9)	(-16.3, 21.9)	(-15.7, 25.0)	(-47.3, 27.0)	(-47.1, 32.1)	
	5 days/week	3.8	3.6	10.8	11.6	-2.2	-3.5	
	-	(-24.6, 32.2)	(-24.6, 31.8)	(-27.1, 48.8)	(-27.0, 50.2)	(-43.0, 38.6)	(-45.3, 38.3)	
P for trend		0.24	0.22	0.85	0.89	0.25	0.24	
Activity score (pe	er unit)	-4.9	-4.7	-3.5	-2.9	-6.3	-6.6	0.28
• 1	,	(-7.2, -2.7)	(-6.9, -2.4)	(-6.6, -0.4)	(-6.0, 0.2)	(-10.7, -2.0)	(-11.2, -1.9)	

Table S4 Mean difference in the children's average sedentary minutes per day associated with different activities for those with complete data (N=987)\*

<sup>\*</sup> Model 1 is adjusted for age and gender; Model 2 is additionally adjusted for BMI and IMD score

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Exposure		Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (minutes/day): mean difference (95% confidence inter							
		All (N=987)		Boys (N=439)		Girls (N=548)		P for gende	
		Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	Model 1	Model 2	inter action	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.64	
attends	1-2 days/week	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.7	3.1	3.1		
sport/exercise		(-0.4, 6.8)	(-0.5, 6.6)	(-3.3, 9.8)	(-3.7, 9.2)	(-0.5, 6.8)	(-0.6, 6.8)		
club at school	3-4 days/week	6.7	6.4	8.0	7.3	5.7	5.6		
		(1.7, 11.8)	(1.4, 11.4)	(1.0, 15.1)	(0.1, 14.4)	(0.6, 10.7)	(0.5, 10.7)		
	5 days/week	5.3	5.1	6.6	5.8	3.2	3.1		
		(-1.3, 11.9)	(-1.5, 11.8)	(-1.4, 14.6)	(-2.2, 13.8)	(-5.0, 11.5)	(-5.5, 11.6)		
P for trend		0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.10		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.53	
attends	1-2 days/week	1.8	1.5	4.3	3.6	0.4	0.4		
sport/exercise	·	(-1.9, 5.5)	(-2.4, 5.4)	(-3.2, 11.9)	(-4.4, 11.7)	(-3.5, 4.3)	(-3.5, 4.4)		
club outside of	3-4 days/week	7.3	6.7	10.5	9.0	5.3	5.5		
school	•	(3.0, 11.5)	(2.4, 11.0)	(2.8, 18.2)	(1.4, 16.6)	(0.6, 10.0)	(0.9, 10.0)		
	5 days/week	10.5	10.1	14.3	13.4	7.3	7.3		
	2	(4.6, 16.5)	(3.9, 16.2)	(6.3, 22.3)	(4.8, 22.0)	(-0.8, 15.3)	(-0.6, 15.2)		
P for trend		< 0.001	<0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.01	0.008		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.32	
plays with	1-2 days/week	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.4	0.3		
friends/family	5	(-4.1, 5.5)	(-4.3, 5.0)	(-7.4, 9.7)	(-8.1, 9.1)	(-6.0, 6.9)	(-6.3, 6.9)		
outside near	3-4 days/week	5.2	4.9	6.7	6.0	4.0	3.9		
home	5	(-0.8, 11.2)	(-1.0, 10.7)	(-3.5, 16.9)	(-4.0, 15.9)	(-3.6, 11.7)	(-3.8, 11.7)		
	5 days/week	9.9	9.7	13.8	13.3	6.5	6.4		
	5	(4.4, 15.4)	(4.2, 15.1)	(4.6, 23.0)	(4.0, 22.5)	(-0.5, 13.5)	(-0.7, 13.6)		
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.004	0.005		
Frequency child	Never (ref)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.40	
plays with	1-2 days/week	2.5	2.2	0.6	0.4	4.1	4.0		
friends/family in	5	(-0.9, 6.0)	(-1.4, 5.8)	(-7.0, 8.2)	(-7.4, 8.2)	(-0.9, 9.2)	(-1.1, 9.1)		
home/garden	3-4 days/week	6.6	63	67	69	65	64		
C	5 Tudy 5, Week	(2, 4, 10, 7)	(18, 108)	(-18, 153)	(-19, 157)	(0.4, 12.6)	$(0\ 1\ 12\ 7)$		
	5 days/week	86	84	93	91	79	7 8		
	e augus week	(4.6, 12.5)	(4.3, 12.6)	(1.6, 16.9)	(1.0, 17.2)	(2.5, 13.3)	(2.4, 13.3)		
P for trend		<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.001	0.003	0.003		
Activity score (ne	r unit)	2.13	2.09	2.58	2.49	1.67	1.66	0.07	
(p)		(1.44, 2.82)	(1.37, 2.81)	(1.73, 3.43)	(1.55, 3.42)	(0.86, 2.47)	(0.85, 2.48)		

\* MVPA Moderate-to-vigorous physical activity; Model 1 is adjusted for age and gender; Model 2 is additionally adjusted for BMI and IMD score For peer review only - http://bmjopen.bmj.com/site/about/guidelines.xhtml

Table S5 Mean difference in the children's average MVPA minutes per day associated with different activities for those with complete data (N=987)\*

Exposure		Meeting government guideline: odds ratio (95% confidence interval)						
		All (N=987) Model 1	Model 2	Boys (N=439) Model 1	Model 2	$\frac{\text{GIRS}(N=548)}{\text{Model 1}}$	) Model 2	interaction
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.25
attends	$1_2$ days/week	1 27	1 25	0.97	0.03	1 57	1 57	0.25
sport/exercise	1-2 day 5/ week	(0.94, 1.71)	(0.93, 1.69)	(0.58, 1.63)	(0.55, 1.55)	(1.09, 2.25)	(1.09, 2.26)	
club at school	3-4 days/week	1 77	1 72	1 97	1 86	1 65	1 66	
ende de senioor		(1.05, 2.97)	(1.03, 2.87)	(0.93, 4.18)	(0.88, 3.95)	(0.93, 2.91)	(0.94, 2.92)	
	5 days/week	1.63	1.61	1.49	1.40	1.73	1.76	
		(0.96, 2.77)	(0.95, 2.74)	(0.75, 2.96)	(0.70, 2.77)	(0.78, 3.85)	(0.78, 3.96)	
P for trend		0.03	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.07	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.66
attends	1-2 days/week	1.32	1.29	1.53	1.46	1.19	1.21	
sport/exercise	2	(0.91, 1.91)	(0.88, 1.88)	(0.89, 2.62)	(0.83, 2.57)	(0.72, 1.97)	(0.74, 1.99)	
club outside of	3-4 days/week	2.06	1.97	2.56	2.28	1.77	1.81	
school	•	(1.38, 3.07)	(1.32, 2.95)	(1.32, 4.98)	(1.18, 4.40)	(1.05, 2.98)	(1.09, 3.03)	
	5 days/week	2.89	2.80	4.13	3.92	2.09	2.14	
	-	(1.76, 4.73)	(1.69, 4.63)	(1.97, 8.68)	(1.82, 8.44)	(1.06, 4.12)	(1.10, 4.18)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	0.006	0.004	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.89
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.16	1.13	1.03	0.98	1.40	1.41	
friends/family		(0.70, 1.92)	(0.70, 1.85)	(0.46, 2.29)	(0.43, 2.22)	(0.59, 3.30)	(0.60, 3.29)	
outside near	3-4 days/week	1.94	1.89	1.59	1.53	2.43	2.46	
home		(1.12, 3.35)	(1.12, 3.21)	(0.68, 3.75)	(0.65, 3.62)	(0.92, 6.45)	(0.94, 6.42)	
	5 days/week	2.14	2.12	2.01	1.97	2.45	2.49	
		(1.26, 3.65)	(1.26, 3.57)	(0.88, 4.63)	(0.85, 4.54)	(0.95, 6.36)	(0.97, 6.40)	
P for trend		< 0.001	< 0.001	0.007	0.005	0.007	0.006	
Frequency child	Never (ref)	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.30
plays with	1-2 days/week	1.33	1.30	0.96	0.94	1.92	1.94	
friends/family in		(0.88, 2.00)	(0.86, 1.97)	(0.51, 1.78)	(0.50, 1.77)	(0.90, 4.11)	(0.91, 4.12)	
home/garden	3-4 days/week	1.67	1.64	1.33	1.36	2.15	2.16	
		(1.10, 2.54)	(1.07, 2.52)	(0.66, 2.69)	(0.66, 2.82)	(0.96, 4.79)	(0.97, 4.80)	
	5 days/week	1.86	1.85	1.68	1.67	2.18	2.20	
		(1.21, 2.86)	(1.20, 2.86)	(0.86, 3.25)	(0.84, 3.32)	(1.04, 4.60)	(1.04, 4.62)	
P for trend		0.002	0.002	0.008	0.008	0.06	0.06	
Activity score (pe	er unit)	1.19	1.19	1.20	1.19	1.18	1.18	0.79
		(1.12, 1.26)	(1.12, 1.26)	(1.11, 1.30)	(1.10, 1.30)	(1.09, 1.28)	(1.09, 1.28)	

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