

Linking Websites

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Introduction

Linking your school's main website to your sports website is simple and in most cases should only take a few minutes. There are a several different methods to link up. Before linking it is important to ensure you have an active sports website domain name first.

Choose a Domain Name First

The most important thing to do once your SOCS account setup is to ensure you have chosen a domain name for your sport or calendar website.

Send your chosen domain name via email to admin@schoolssports.com. On receipt we check the availability of your domain name and we inform you when it is active. We will also inform you if the domain name has already been registered so that you can choose an alternative.

More details about domain names can be found online here:

<http://support.schoolssports.com/Page.asp?ID=111&CatID=23>

Method 1 – Recommended.

Typical html code is shown below to link your sports website to open in the same screen or browser session as your school's website:

```
<a target="_self" title="School Sports" href="http://www.SchoolsSports.com">Sports Portal</a>
```

The above html code produces the following link: [Sports Portal](#)

Notes:

- Replace <http://www.SchoolsSports.com> and Insert your sports website domain name where highlighted in green above.
- When using this method we recommend opening your sports website in the **same session** (target="_self"). This is because the return link from the sports website back to your main website is setup to open your main website in the same window / session. This will avoid recursive links.

Example:



The screenshot shows the Reading Blue Coat School website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT US, NEWS AND EVENTS, ADMISSIONS, SIXTH FORM, COMMUNITY, VACANCIES, and LOCATION. Below the menu is a large aerial photograph of the school campus. In the lower section, there is a 'Welcome to Reading Blue Coat' message. To the right of this message are two boxes: 'Open Days' and 'Request a prospectus'. Below these are sections for 'LATEST NEWS' and 'EVENTS'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Sports Portal' link with a red arrow pointing to it. The link is labeled 'SPORTS PORTAL' and 'Latest fixtures, results and useful information'. The website footer contains contact information: 'Helm Park, Sonning Lane, Sonning on Thames, Berkshire RG4 6SU | Tel: 0118 944 1000 | © Reading Blue Coat School 2012 | Site Map |' and 'RBCS Tweets'.

Method 2 - Open specific web pages

Linking your website to open a web page other than the default home page.

Typical html code to open:

The sports contacts page is:

```
<a target="_self" title="Sports Contacts" href="YourDomainName/Contact.asp">Sports Contacts</a>
```

The above html code produces the following link: [Sports Contacts](#)

The sports map page is:

```
<a target="_self" title="Sports Map" href="YourDomainName/Map.asp">Sports Map</a>
```

The above html code produces the following link: [Sports Map](#)

The sports calendar page is:

```
<a target="_self" title="Sports Calendar" href="YourDomainName/Calendar.asp">Sports Calendar</a>
```

The above html code produces the following link: [Sports Calendar](#)

Method 3 – linking to our Sport Portals such as SchoolsRugby.co.uk etc.

Typical html code is shown below to link your school's website to open your pages directly on any of our sport portals:

```
<a target="_blank" title="Rugby" href="http://www.schoolsrugby.co.uk/School.aspx?Id=xx">Rugby</a> | <a target="_blank" title="Football" href="http://www.schoolsfootball.co.uk/School.asp?Id=29">Football</a>
```

The above html code produces the following links: [Rugby](#) | [Football](#)

Note:

- Ensure to replace xx, highlighted in green above, with your school Id. Your school Id can be found in the "getting started" email, sent to the main sports users.
- The above link opens a new browser session.
- For additional help send an email to support@misocs.com.

Method 4 – Add images with your links

If you need a graphical link, like the ones below, rather than text, then please feel free to copy and download the sports logos from the home page of SchoolsSports.com.



To download an image or logo:

1. Go to the home page of SchoolsSports.com
2. Right click on the sports logo you want
3. Select “Save Picture As...”
4. Save the logo and then upload it to your website

Alternatively, you can download the gold whistle zip file, which has several image file formats and size variations here:

http://www.schoolssports.com/members/images/GoldWhistles/SchoolsSports_GoldWhistles.zip

Typical html code for a simple link with an image is:

```
<a target="_self" title="School Sports" href="http://www.schoolssports.com/School/Default.asp?id=xx"></a>
```

The above html code produces the following link:

