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Dear Head Teacher,

We are Archery GB, the national governing body for archery in Great Britain, and we are responsible for all levels of archery within the UK from elite to development level.

We appreciate this is a particularly difficult time for you, as a school and educational site. Archery GB is also weathering the huge impact of COVID-19 but, as an outdoor sport that can be performed individually, we are fortunate to have been able to recommence activity safely.

Archery is a unique sport on a number of levels. Its many attributes - precision, control, focus, physical ability and determination - can be enjoyed by all, regardless of age, gender or disability. Whether practised indoors or out, competitively or socially, archery promotes an active lifestyle: burning calories, improving your strength, mental focus, coordination, patience and self-confidence, and putting you in a better state of mind.

Archery GB has worked hard to produce detailed guidance for our clubs, volunteer workforce and members, which has been approved by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, to allow archery to recommence in line with government guidelines.

Archery GB club partnerships with school facilities are crucially important to the sport. Almost one third of clubs use a school facility and, of these, 30 clubs from around the country have already reopened following guidance to shoot safely. We have attached a case study to demonstrate how one of our clubs has successfully recommenced shooting on school grounds whilst mitigating any risks to pupils, parents and staff.

The use of school facilities is incredibly important to Archery GB and we take our responsibility to safeguard all our partners very seriously. The measures recommended in our guidance are robust and responsive to the ongoing situation. We really appreciate your help in working collaboratively with our local Archery GB affiliated club to help them re-open, allowing the local community to get back to the sport they love.

We are confident that the implementation of our comprehensive, returning-to-archery guidelines, together with our invaluable volunteer workforce, will allow us to operate safely at your school facility. We would very much appreciate your continued support in providing a home for archery at your school.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Armitage

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