

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE  
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise why the football goals were removed from F.B. Fields and Le Rocquier School playing fields during the February half-term, and whether or not this is standard Departmental policy; and if this is standard practice, will he explain why?

**Answer**

This is not standard practice at either location but goals have been removed to enable essential maintenance and repair work to take place.

**FB Fields**

Large groups of more than 10 have been using the pitches during very wet conditions and the grass playing surface had been churned and damaged as a result. User groups including Jersey Football Combination and Schools were consulted and they confirmed that they no longer required the pitches so the goals were removed. Grass seed is on order and as soon as it arrives, the whole field will be renovated. If left, the surfaces would have been in extremely poor condition to the extent that surface smoothness would have been a health and safety concern for the cricket season. Casual family use of the field is still permitted.



**Le Rocquier School Playing Fields**

The school has been consulted by the Playing Fields section of Infrastructure Housing and Environment, which has the contract for maintenance and marking work on this playing field. The school reported that they were not using the goals and so they were taken down to enable early renovation of the field and preparations to begin for the summer term.