

The Use of Ordnance Survey Material for Schools Orienteering Mapping

Mappers who produce orienteering maps of schools and other educational establishments should be aware that the Ordnance Survey has changed their licence arrangements following the introduction of schools opting out of Local Education Authority (LEA) control and that this affects the production of orienteering maps for academies and private schools.

The Ordnance Survey has provided the following advice:

Where the school remains in LEA control the Local Authority can, as previously, extend the use of their OS data and licence to include LEA schools.

This does not cover academies, even those that may have buy-in to LEA services, or private schools. In these cases it would appear that the OS would prefer to deal directly with the school regardless of status and they see the school as a client and the orienteering club/mapper as a contractor. They prefer that OS data is supplied and licensed to the school, and that the school provides this data for the production of their orienteering map under contract. Once the task is completed the data would be returned to the school along with the orienteering maps. That is the school should take the lead in the process.

The OS Digimap for Schools service is a method of delivering OS map data to schools for educational use. The service is designed for teachers and pupils to have access to OS data for the production of maps. For full details see: <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/education-research/digimap.html>

There is guidance available on the OS web pages about the key rights granted to educational establishments using OS mapping, for full details see: <http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/education-research/maps-for-schools/copyright.html>

In October 2012 the OS withdrew their fee-based education licence and educational establishments now need only accept the licence terms (and pay any fee) associated with the product and/or service that they are using.

The Ordnance Survey advise that in addition to the copyright acknowledgement, and to prevent a map being confused with those commercially produced, maps should clearly show the educational purpose and that it has been produced for the school.

If the orienteering map is for pupils' use and of an area outside of school (and where the information is derived from OS MasterMap Topography Layer), then mappers should consider the OS guidance about copyright licensing for publishing.

Where school grounds are used by community orienteering, not for a school activity and the event or activity is registered on the British Orienteering website then the British Orienteering OS licence will apply along with BOF insurance.

Note that publishing a map sourced from the OS OpenData does not require a publishing licence but a separate statement on the map.

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