

# **EMPLOYING AN APPRENTICE IN YOUR SCHOOL**

The Stride Active PE Apprenticeship programme provides young people aged 17+ with the opportunity to work in primary and secondary schools, gaining valuable experience delivering PE, sport & physical activity. It will also provide schools with the opportunity to employ a member of staff for a minimum of 13 months to support PE lessons, help deliver extra curricular clubs, health interventions and engage the least active.

### **APPRENTICESHIP OVERVIEW**

We want to make it as easy as possible for primary and secondary schools to employ a PE apprentice. Stride Active will support with planning, guidance and recruitment of apprentices. We will provide ongoing support throughout the programme and provide apprentices with the opportunity to receive wider CPD.

#### The role of schools will be to:

- Employ the apprentice at a minimum rate of the apprenticeship wage, either set nationally or by the local authority, for 13 months (currently £4.15 p/h)
- Release apprentices on set days for their tutor/study days
- Draw down the apprenticeship levy or contribute to training fees if the school is non-levy paying
- Provide a mentor within the workplace who has time to dedicate to the apprentice
- Select an apprentice either independently or through attending the interview day organised by Stride Active
- Comply with funding requirements (such as releasing the apprentice for taught sessions and off-the-job hours)

## BENEFITS OF EMPLOYING AN APPRENTICE

- Part of your Covid-19 response to support children's activity levels, physical literacy, socialisation and mental wellbeing
- Increased capacity to support lunchtime and after school clubs

 Increased capacity during lesson times to work with smaller groups or assist teachers delivering PE

- New knowledge and skills which can be shared with other staff
- Provide a focus on health & wellbeing
- Pupil Premium can be used to fund the post, helping you target identified students
- Schools will be able to select their apprentice once shortlisted so you can match them to your school's needs



# SCHOOL FEEDBACK

"Children admire and respect the PE apprentice. They feel special when having interventions with him and he is good at supporting 1:1. Children are more active as a result of the activities our PE apprentice puts on before school." Cradley Primary School

"Our apprentice has been helping at fixtures and is also helping with lunchtime clubs and runs her own basketball club at lunch." St Mary's High School

"Across the Federation, our apprentice has had an immediate impact on the activity levels of our less active young people." **Shobdon Primary School** 



### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

- To register your interest, please go to www.strideactive.org/education/pe-apprenticeship or email beky@strideactive.org
- If you would like more information, please email beky@strideactive.org to arrange a meeting for your school.
- To assist with planning and recruitment, schools will need to register interest by Easter.







