

Level 5 Certificate in Primary School Physical Education Specialism 2025/26

Headline Information

- **What is the qualification?**

A **bespoke primary school physical education qualification for primary school staff** (e.g. PE co-ordinators, sports coaches delivering PE, teachers and/or teaching assistants with a sporting bias) developed by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) and Sports Leaders UK.

(NB. Due to the pitch of the course (**Level 5: equivalent to foundation degree**) and the nature of the content this course is predominantly targeting current practitioners, preferably but not exclusively with QTS status.)

- **Why?**

Much has been stated about the importance of the current physical education and school sport premium funding and the ability of schools to not only evidence actions but also show **sustainable** impact. This qualification is an ideal vehicle for demonstrating an investment in the improvement of teaching in physical education as well as upskilling current staff.

- **Content**

The qualification enables delegates to understand the requirements of the primary school physical education curriculum. They will acquire the knowledge and skills that underpin 'good or better' teaching and learning within primary school physical education. Candidates will also review and evaluate the PE, physical activity and sport programme at their host school, identifying potential ways to improve policy and practice.

- **Tutors/ Assessors**

The tutor, Chris Jew, is an experienced physical education specialist, known and regarded across the county. His background is in the leading of Physical Education, being the leader of a School Sport Partnership and a current School Games Organiser for East Shropshire. This will be his 12th year of delivery of this course. **To date over 60 delegates have successfully completed the course**

- **Delivery**

The average learning time for this qualification is 141 hours. This is broken down into:-

- ❖ **6 days attendance at a school based delivery centre.** (42 Guided Learning Hours). This is provisionally equally mapped across the three terms during the academic year 2025/26. The initial session is planned for October.

- ❖ **In-school development work** (99 nominal hours). This will involve a series of assessment tasks to be completed by the delegate via a portfolio of evidence. There will be at least one external assessment of teaching a 'good or better' physical education lesson.

- **Commitment**

- ❖ **School.** The release of staff for 6 days throughout the academic year. The ability for SLT to support and mentor, where appropriate, allowing opportunities/ time for the delegate to apply skills and knowledge within the school day.
- ❖ **Delegate.** An understanding of the need to meet the nominal required guided learning hours, to complete all assessment tasks and to be proactive in further developing knowledge and skills at their home school.

- **Costings**

The total delegate cost, including course fees to Sports Leaders UK (£200), is **£1300** per delegate. This covers the delivery days, internal verification and the external assessment and remote support via the course tutors/ leaders.

- **Certification**

All delegates will be internally verified by the Trusted Sports' Alliance staff and externally verified via the awarding body and on successful completion of this qualification delegates will be able to assist and develop the raising of standards within primary school physical education teaching.

- **Awareness Raising**

At this initial stage my aim is to continue raising awareness and to gauge potential interest from local primary schools in Telford & Wrekin as we look to recruit for the tenth year of delivery. Feedback from current delegates is that the course is both demanding and challenging yet on completion allows for a step change in the delivery of high-quality PE.

- **Application Timeline**

By 14 July 2025 (extended deadline): An expression of interest is currently being sought. **Should you wish to register/ confirm interest then please email me, by return, stating candidate's name and home school.**

September 2025: Candidates will then be asked to enrol on the course before the end of the first half-term in autumn so all is ready for the initial October delivery date.

Should you require any further information please refer to the Sports Leaders UK website

<https://www.sportsleaders.org/files/InfoPDFs/Level%2056%20Flyer%202.pdf>

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