

## Curriculum Considerations

An inclusive physical education curriculum should both engage and inspire young people to lead healthy and active lifestyles and broaden their experience of sport and fitness activities. Physical education and sport should be accessible regardless of a young person's disability or needs. Basing a curriculum and activities around a broad variety of sports and physical activities helps provide new, exciting experiences that will spark an interest and motivate learners to be more physically active and enjoy the associated health and social benefits this can bring.

### Active, Healthy Lifestyles & Long-Term Outcomes

*The Institute of Health Equity outlines some very bleak statistics for people with learning disabilities (significantly lower life expectancy and 1 in 2 to suffer from chronic loneliness). In addition to this Sport England (2018) share that disabled adults are twice as likely to be inactive as non-disabled adults whilst Activity Alliance (2020) discovered that 70% of disabled people believe that sport is not for somebody like them.*

*The above statistics show us how important it is to provide positive experiences in physical education, that support learners with SEND to develop a love of exercise and the skills needed to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. A key role for teachers is to help 'flip the narrative' and support learners in having positive experiences and high aspirations in sport and exercise. An awareness and engagement with groups such as Activity Alliance, IMAS and The Special Olympics can support and inform our practice helping to connect our learners with opportunities to participate and compete in sport outside of school.*

## Key Stage 1

Learners develop the fundamental movement skills of running, jumping, throwing, co-ordination, balance and agility and begin to develop patterns of movement. As learners develop their confidence and competence these movements can become more complex and linked together. The aim is for all learners to develop their accuracy and fluency of movement execution over time. A big focus is being able to co-operate with others, share and develop strong communication skills. Learners will be taught the basic conventions of games and different activities that have rules and boundaries. This is a particularly important stage for learners with SEND as they build core movement skills that support and shape their physical development.



## Key Stage 2

As learners progress, they begin to develop a broader range of skills and start to put sequences of movement together. Some of these movements become more specialised and related to particular sports or physical activities. Competition between oneself and others and rules are introduced with learners beginning to demonstrate more refined technique and improvement in their performance. Learners begin to display a greater control of their skills/movements and start to develop a greater strength and flexibility as they approach the end of Key Stage 2. Skills and more complex movements may need to be broken down into smaller steps for learners with SEND and teachers should make adaptations to activities and sports to ensure they are accessible.

## Key Stages 3 and 4

Learners begin to develop a greater appreciation for tactics and strategies for success and start to generalise their skills across a range of sports with participation and performance becoming a greater focus at this stage. Opportunities to experience outdoor and adventurous activities can form a more significant part of the curriculum as learners extend their knowledge of physical activities and sports to more complex situations. Learners build on their earlier knowledge of healthy participation and safe practice and really begin to develop a greater understanding of how to lead a healthy lifestyle and why this is so important. This is a particularly crucial period for learners with SEND as in many cases it will help form their attitude to sport and exercise and indicate how likely they are to lead active, healthy lifestyles into the future.