



# afPE Quality Mark for Physical Education & Sport

## Why should your school apply for the afPE Quality Mark?

If we are to achieve a sustainable legacy for London 2012 we must ensure that the quality of Physical Education & School Sport (PESS) is of a high standard. Effective self review is a crucial tool to raising standards, which the afPE Quality Mark process supports.

Most head teachers and teachers value an independent endorsement of the quality of their PESS. High quality physical education and all the additional benefits are a great cause of celebration and the afPE Quality Mark will provide an independent endorsement. It will raise the profile of the subject and the school both locally and nationally and will promote the high quality work that is being undertaken on a day to day basis.

*"The quality mark was a great tool for self evaluation and also a rigorous and robust validation process. It has been extremely helpful in deciding our next steps for improvement and also inspiring us to celebrate our successes. Being involved has been such a worthwhile and rewarding experience."*

**Hannah Vecchione** - Advanced Skills Teacher, St John's Catholic Primary School in Manchester

*"Receiving the "Quality Mark" has been an excellent tool to benchmark where we are as a department. It has highlighted the success of recent change and subsequently, this has created a positive ethos and high aspirations in the team."*

**Simon Russell** - Head of Physical Education, Swavesey Village College in Cambridgeshire

## The purpose of the afPE Quality Mark:

To provide schools with a process of effective self review.

## Outcomes for young people:

All young people are entitled to benefit from high quality physical education and there is significant evidence to show this supports other learning right across the curriculum. It also contributes to healthy and active lifestyles, improves emotional well being, reduces poor behaviour, increases attendance and develops key skills such as leadership, confidence and social skills.

## The benefits of the afPE Quality Mark:

- Ensures rigour and sustainability in the planning, monitoring and continuous development of high quality physical education and sport
- Recognises and celebrates outstanding practice and innovation in physical education and sport so that the school 'stands out from the crowd'
- Raises the profile and promotes a positive message of physical education and sport at a local, regional and national level
- Provides a platform for sharing excellence and success

## How can your school apply?

Schools across the UK together with British Sovereignty schools may apply by emailing [simon.leach@afpe.org.uk](mailto:simon.leach@afpe.org.uk) who will then send you an application form to complete. If you have any questions, please call 01905 855 584.

## What happens next?

afPE will provide all applicants with a specialist experienced and well qualified physical educational professional who will guide and support you through the self review process. This will include email and phone support together with a validation visit. The application form uses Microsoft Word.

**The House of Commons Select Committee recommends that schools are encouraged by the Department for Education (DfE) to apply for the award.**

**English primary schools can use some of their PE and Sport Premium funding to fund their application, which will provide evidence of how it is used.**

## How much will it cost?

- £195.00 for schools with infant/primary aged pupils with under 100 pupils
- £220.00 for schools with infant/primary aged pupils with over 100 pupils
- £350.00 for schools with secondary aged pupils
- £395.00 for through schools

## What will your school receive?

If successful, your school will receive:

- An invitation to an awards event
- A certificate and glass trophy
- Use of the afPE Quality Mark Logo
- A feature on the afPE Quality Mark Page
- In addition, with your permission, your school will be signposted to other schools as a model of good practice in PESS

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