

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMME 2026/27

TeamMCR exists to ensure every child in Manchester is **active, happy and healthy**, developing the confidence and competence to enjoy movement for life. With schools at the heart of our charity, we reinvest everything back into our mission - keeping costs low while maximising whole-school impact.

The new **2026–2028 national curriculum for PE** brings major change. Schools will see a sharper focus on **fundamental movement skills, lifelong participation and wellbeing**, alongside strengthened expectations for **swimming, dance and outdoor and adventurous activities**. At the same time, the new **national Enrichment Entitlement** will require schools to offer structured opportunities across sport, culture, nature, civic engagement and life skills.

These reforms sit alongside the government's **SEND & AP Improvement Plan** and TeamMCR proudly supports this work locally - creating welcoming SEND festivals, inclusive competition pathways and wellbeing programmes which help every pupil find joy and confidence through movement. Our specialist training and support give schools the tools to make PE truly accessible for all.

TeamMCR supports schools to deliver high-quality curriculum PE, strengthen extra-curricular provision and build sustainable pathways with clubs, NGBs and community partners. Our offer goes far beyond events: we provide **expert guidance, professional development and practical solutions** which reduce staff workload and strengthen outcomes for all pupils.

Together, we can ensure **every child** benefits from a rich, inclusive and life-enhancing physical activity and enrichment offer.

Message from Eamonn O'Rourke, Team MCR Chair of Trustees

“ Thank you for continuing to support TeamMCR in 2026/27. The last 12 months have been a time of real momentum - growth, collaboration and shared purpose. Our CPD programme continues to strengthen the school workforce, while expanded competitions and wellbeing initiatives help more children enjoy active, inclusive experiences.

As we look ahead, your continued involvement is vital. Together with AfPE, YST, Manchester City Council, Manchester Active, Manchester Outdoor Education Trust, NGBs and our other partners, we're deepening our collective impact. ”

VISION

Giving all young people equal access to better life chances, choices and skills through sport, health, physical activity and other life changing opportunities.

PURPOSE

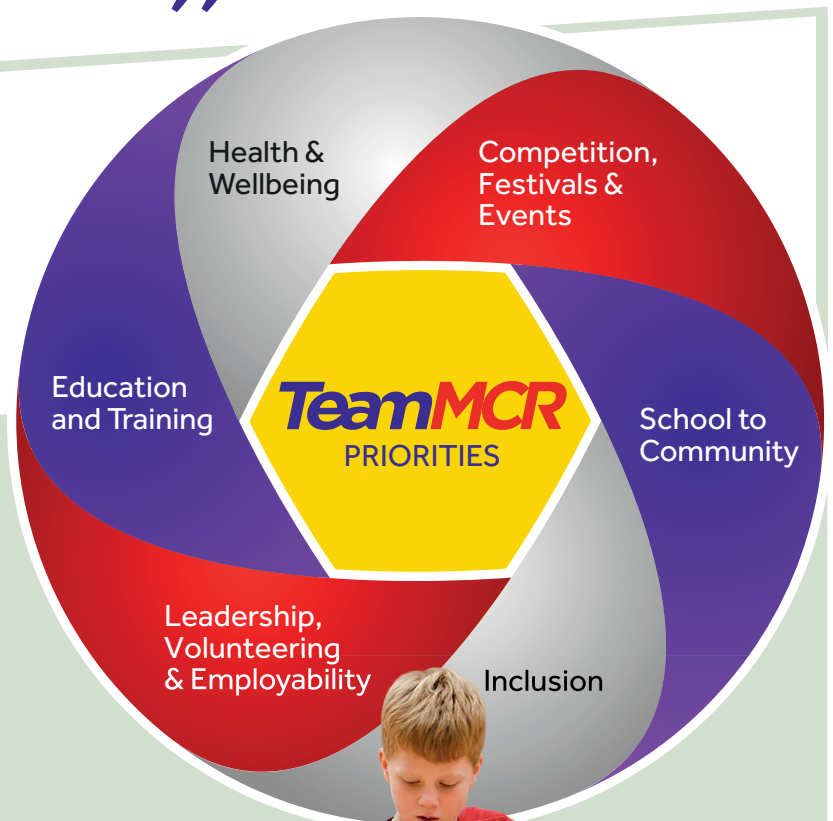
To provide the young people of Manchester with a rich and diverse range of enriching opportunities which promote physical activity, sport and wellbeing to make a lifelong positive impact on them and their communities.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Approved Professional Development
Provider
2026-2027



TeamMCR is delighted to be awarded Approved Professional Provider Accreditation by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE).

We are also proud to be Child-Friendly Manchester Ambassador and Muslim Sports Foundation partner, championing inclusion and equality - united behind one vision: active, healthy, happy children across Manchester.

“Thank you so much for all the incredible inclusion events you have organised this year. Your commitment to creating such welcoming, accessible, and inclusive experiences for our students has made a significant impact, and we are deeply appreciative of the thought, care, and precision that has gone into every detail. The level of organisation for each event has been exceptional, and our students always leave feeling valued and empowered.”

Hannah Harrison, PE Teacher, Melland High School



Members Benefits

2026/27

MEMBER SCHOOL

MEMBER BENEFITS

Access to a weekly Bulletin with latest news around PE & sport, physical activity, health & wellbeing from local & national partners



Access to online resources, professional development opportunities and partners opportunities



Support to access additional regional and national funding grants



COMPETITIONS, FESTIVALS, LEAGUES & EVENTS

Access to the online Playwaze system to register for events and leagues



Access to all TeamMCR competitions, festivals and events including virtual events, non-competitive and competitive local cluster events at primary and secondary sites - Level 1 & Level 2 (& Level 3 Greater Manchester, where relevant)



Access to all TeamMCR Inclusion, Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) festivals and competitions



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Participation in a Change 4 Life Health Festival; station based multi skills challenges aimed at ALL children particularly disadvantaged



60 Active Minutes to Go Resources



Support for Change4Life or similar targeted Physical activity clubs



Support for active lifestyles in schools through targeted programmes including the MCR Creating Active Schools programme, daily mile resources



Cultural Calendar with resources for Personal Challenges



Training & support for the delivery of active school programmes, including Active Curriculum, Teach Active, and Smile for a Mile



RAISING STANDARDS

FREE PE Subject Leader Training Supporting high quality curriculum development, safe practice, leadership, and whole-school impact in PE. (2 events per year, 1 place at each)



FREE guidance and support to achieve the School Games Mark accreditation at Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum levels



Free subject specialist PE bespoke cluster training



1 free place on Manchester's annual PE, school sport and physical activity conference (worth £150)



1 FREE place on one professional development course of your choice on 6 different pathways (refer to Table A overleaf & to our website or further details)



FREE Support to plan, report and evidence the impact of the PE and Sport premium funding Includes full guidance to ensure compliance with the conditions of grant issued by the DfE



FREE leadership and management support for PE, school sport, and physical activity including tailored guidance for Headteachers, Governors, and PE Subject Leaders through dedicated helpline and email advice



FREE Subject specialist guidance to enhance the quality of teaching & learning in Physical Education & Physical Development



FREE support for self-evaluation aligned with National Curriculum outcomes and Ofsted guidance



FREE AfPE Safe Practice in PE, school sport & physical activity (updated for September 2026), providing essential guidance and support for all PE safe practice queries and challenges. NB this is a recommended resource for ALL schools. (worth £40)



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	MEMBER SCHOOL
FREE Health & Safety Safe Practice in PE Training Essential professional development enabling PE Subject Leaders to lead and maintain safe practice in PE	✓
Access to NGB Sports Specific training opportunities	✓
Support to develop risk assessments for both curriculum and extra-curricular activities	✓
Guidance to promote and support best practice in school swimming, with ongoing support available	✓
Guidance to support best practice in contracting external sports coaches and physical activity providers, with ongoing support available	✓
SCHOOL TO COMMUNITY LINKS	
Opportunities to access specialist coaching programmes through our partners	✓
First Release Offer on Manchester Active Legacy City events	✓
Opportunities to link to Manchester Schools Club Programme	✓
Support & assistance to further develop school to community links	✓
Development opportunities, training & resources to National Sports Governing Bodies (FA, RFU, England Squash, England Handball, England Lacrosse, England Hockey, LTA, British Cycling etc)	✓
Support to further embed the Legacy Events within school Eg; Women's Rugby World Cup, Women's Cricket, Tour de France	✓
Access and priority involvement in the European School Sport Day (ESSD). This includes access to the UK flagship event in Manchester and the resources to deliver in school	✓
LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS	
Support for the development of pupil leadership & volunteering including resources for Young Ambassador programme, Physical Activity Leaders (PALs)	✓
Additional leadership programmes (where available)	✓
OTHER MEMBER BENEFITS (visit the NEW member's area on TeamMCR website for additional details)	
30% discount and free engraving on Pro Sport Medals prosportmedals.co.uk provide an extensive range of trophies, awards and medals	✓
Corporate discount on a Manchester's Better Leisure Centres memberships is available to school staff at any of the Better Leisure sites in Manchester better.org.uk/manchester	✓
Discounted rate for AfPE membership (liaise with Team MCR)	✓
Discounted rate for PE Scholar membership (liaise with Team MCR)	✓
ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Training for Yr5/6 Health Ambassador: 6-week programme (2 hrs pw) programme & resources for 10 pupils on your school site	£350
Lancashire Cricket Foundation partnership package which includes a half term of coaching, online resources with lesson plans and priority access to Teacher CPD events	£559
Bespoke whole-staff training of your choice, delivered on site at your school	1 hr @ £225 2hrs @ £275 3hrs @ £325
All prices + VAT	

Team MCR manages a calendar of 250 competitions, leagues & events for primary, secondary and special schools across 26 different sports & physical activities.

We provide access to more localised heats, cluster events leading to Manchester Finals where appropriate with the opportunity for the winning schools having the chance to represent Manchester at Greater Manchester finals.



Our Primary Boys and Girls Football leagues continue to grow with over 2,800 children playing in 2025/26!



This is a series of inclusion specific events and activities, perfect for SEN students, from special and mainstream schools; also ideal for students who may be inactive, have low confidence, emotional or behavioural needs.

Sports include: Boccia • Change 4 Life Festival • Cross-Country • Goalball • New Age Kurling • Panathlon • Sportshall Athletics • Swimming • Track & Field Athletics • Tri Golf



Excel competitions give children who are confident and competitive the chance to compete in a welcoming and developmental setting.



INSPIRE events & festivals introduce sports and activities in a fun rather than competitive environment. These festivals and events have a greater emphasis on participation, building physical literacy, skills and confidence. They have a focus on the learning and development of the individual (not the result) and achieving their personal best. These festivals will all be under-pinned by the School Games Values.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026/27

<i>Number of pupils on roll</i>	<i>Special School Membership (excluding VAT)</i>
1 - 250	£800
250 - 1000	£1,195
1000 – 1500	£1,360
1501 plus	£1,470



Booking Details:

To become a member of TeamMCR for 2026/2027: visit <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0gJ5wD7cty> (or scan QR)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TeamMCR are committed to supporting our schools with high quality professional development opportunities to meet their workforce needs.

We recognise when teachers receive the highest quality training, this leads to improvements in pupils' learning outcomes, enabling positive experiences in PE lessons, extracurricular opportunities and physical activity across the school day.

Through our team of highly qualified & experienced practitioners, we offer an array of opportunities. Our delivery team are experts in the field of Physical Education, with qualified teacher status and excellence in providing bespoke professional development opportunities.

"In some schools there is a strategic approach to developing staff's subject knowledge, and how to teach it, through continuing professional development. In these schools, staff receive effective training in teaching the planned curriculum." (OFSTED PE Report, Sept 2023)

"Teachers' professional development is crucial to a high-quality education system".
(OFSTED, Professional Development, May 2024)

Number 1 Priority of the DfE PE Premium Grant; "To increase confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport"
(DfE, updated Jan 2023)



TABLE A: Enhanced Members - Select one of the following CPD courses for Free

Early Career Teacher for Early Years/ KS1/2; 5-part course over an academic year	Subject Leadership of PE – Everything You Need to Know training
High Quality PE professional learning training course for KS1/2 staff	Sports Specific training. eg; Kinball, Tennis, Hockey, FA Girls, First Aid, Netball
Headteacher/ SLT Briefing	Governor Training
MOET Outdoor & Adventurous Activities training	Whole school dance scheme of work & familiarisation training

"Thank you again for all that you do to support inclusion in our schools. It's a privilege to be part of this fantastic team, and we look forward to continuing to work together to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the future."
Hannah Harrison, PE Teacher, Melland High School

"I have been teaching for 20 years and the support given to me has been brilliant. I now value being able to support other practitioners to develop their pupils."
Yvonne Joyce, Assistant headteacher
St John's RC Primary School

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