

Teach Active Case Study

Amazing things can happen when people think outside the box

Partnership working is one of the Youth Sport Trust's charitable values, which guides the way it fulfils its mission of all young people enjoying the life-changing benefits of sport and play.

Sport Impact, a former School Sport Partnership, is a not for profit organisation that inspires and empowers schools to use PE, physical activity and school sport to develop the whole child, school and community.

Through their close work and collaboration with schools, Sport Impact identified three key challenges that COVID-19 has presented to the education system:

1. Gaps in learning
2. Reduction in physical activity
3. Decline in wellbeing.

Teach Active's work to help teachers deliver the maths and English curriculum through physical activity is the driver behind its long-standing partnership with the Youth Sport Trust. Alan Watkinson, Partnership Director at Sport Impact, believed that Teach Active's multi-award-winning product could be a great solution for the challenges facing the 22 schools in his patch, while also enabling him to support the work of children's charity the Youth Sport Trust through Teach Active's donations for every licence sold.



Alan got in touch with Jon Smedley, Co-Founder at Teach Active, to collaborate and create a bespoke package of licences for 20 schools in Sport Impact's area. Each school was given 3500 high quality lesson plans and whole-school training through an online webinar. As a result, learning gaps are being filled in key catch-up subjects English and maths, physically active minutes are up and it's common knowledge that moving makes young people feel good, combatting all three challenges Alan had identified. The Sport Impact team even received training on Teach Active so that they can support schools with advice and delivery for years to come.

"Partnership work is a fundamental part of maximizing the opportunities and benefits that can be achieved through high quality delivery. Active learning is underplayed in many schools and through our partnership with Teach Active we hope to be able to address this. Creating fun and active ways for children to learn will support the recovery curriculum, help children develop strong foundation skills in Maths and English and can contribute to whole school improvement"

Alan Watkinson, Partnership Director, Sport Impact

It takes a special organisation to turn obstacles into opportunities, and it is great to see partnership building between organisations with a common goal. Thinking outside the box can make your money go further, which is essential when purse strings are tightening across the board. If you think your Multi-Academy Trust, School Sport Partnership or cluster of schools may benefit from a bespoke Teach Active package, get in touch to find out more.

