

## Introducing Claire Mansfield Physical Education



Having started life in a commercial environment working in sales for Mars Confectionery, I re-trained as a teacher working for Telford College of Arts and Technology delivering their Chartered Management Institute Diploma and British Sign Language courses. I then moved to a primary school where I spent 12 years working as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant and PE lead.

In January 2020, I joined Energize Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, the local Active Partnership. My role there as Active Schools Manager is to support primary and secondary schools to increase engagement of pupils in PE, school sport and physical activity to improve their physical health and mental wellbeing. I am currently leading the Creating Active Schools national pilot for our area – a research-based project in conjunction with Leeds Beckett University to promote a whole systems approach to school improvement by providing a structure for embedding physical activity at the heart of a school's ethos and culture. I also run the Shropshire PE CPD network meetings for primary and secondary schools across the county.