



An Overview

In September 2017, EdStart celebrated its tenth anniversary of providing support to schools across Greater Manchester. Now working with children and young people from Early Years through to our apprenticeships, there is as much focus as ever on improving health, outcomes and life chances for all. Working in line with Greater Manchester's Social Value Policy, we continue to give children the best start in life, create training and employment opportunities and support troubled young people and their families.

EdStart now employs over 60 people, and the full team comprises experts and professionals from an array of backgrounds. To support the teachers, coaches, and other professionals working directly with our young people, there are experts in HR, Health and Safety, ICT, Accounting and Finance. Most recently, EdStart have teamed up with a group of doctors from the charity 'Our Healthy Futures' to further improve the lifestyles of young people.

Below is an overview of just some of the services EdStart has to offer children and young people in Greater Manchester and beyond.

EdStart Primary School Sports Provision

- Gold Accredited Member of the CAA (Children's Activities Association)
- Works with 91 primary schools in Greater Manchester and up to 30,000 pupils each week
- Provide the following services to schools:
 - Breakfast, Lunch and After School Clubs
 - PPA cover
 - PE Curriculum
 - Holiday Clubs
- Employs over 30 local sports coaches and admin staff
- Provide free holiday clubs/childcare to schools and parents in Salford
- Works in 8 schools in partnership with Manchester Active, the sport and leisure branch of Manchester City Council
- In collaboration with the organisation Reach Out, works with pupils in year 7,8,9 to raise participation in sport, where engagement is usually low.

EdStart Secondary Independent School (13-16)

- Graded 'Good' by Ofsted in 2016
- Registered specialist independent school with sites in Manchester, Salford and Bolton.
- Supporting or has supported 25 of the 30 secondary schools in Manchester as an Alternative Provider.
- Now over 350 pupils and a minimum of 70 pupils each year will benefit from the curriculum and specialist skills on offer, helping them to fulfil academic potential, achieve healthy lifestyles and contribute to their community.
- 82% GCSE pass rate, with English (language and literature), Maths, Science, RS, Citizenship and Art, some of the subjects available at GCSE.
- Employs over 25 local people including teachers, youth workers, social work trained staff, and a safeguarding consultant.
- Works with six different local authorities, including PRU's, Virtual Heads and support services.
- Established partnerships with MMU, University of Bolton, and Edge Hill, providing trainee teacher and Youth and Community Work placements.
- A robust NQT programme, working alongside the local Appropriate Body/ Teaching School (St Patricks RC High School) with a proven 'grow our own' philosophy to staff development.

EdStart Post-16 Pathways

Traineeships:

- **First 4 Sport Level 2 Award in the Principles of Coaching Sport**
- **Functional Skills English and Maths**
- **National Governing Body coaching qualification, such as FA Level 1, or Junior Sports**
- **Leaders Award, as appropriate**

A 10 – 12 week programme for 16-24 year olds who are qualified below level 3 and not in employment. A mixture of classroom and practical sessions with work experience built around EdStart needs. Successful completion can lead to other Level 2/3 qualifications and apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships:

Level 3 - *Supporting Teaching and Learning in Physical Education and School Sport.*

A combination of taught sessions and assessed work, that runs alongside a paid role as an EdStart Coach, supporting breakfast, lunch and after school clubs. Successful completion of the course can have seen candidates move into full/part time employment with EdStart, or even access University courses in the same field.

Further Education programmes (from September 2018):

BTEC Sport L1/2 – a combination of taught sessions and coaching work experience with our EdStart coaches and fitness staff.

BTEC Business L1/2 – a combination of taught sessions and work experience with our business, admin and finance teams

GCSE English Language and Maths (where applicable)

Employment and Franchisee Opportunities

We offer a clear route from our post-16 opportunities into permanent employment at EdStart, with the benefits of working for an established organisation with many different roles.

For budding sport coaches, the ultimate aim for us is to see them develop into EdStart franchisees, being their own boss and managing their own staff, a scenario we have created for two of our previous sports coaches.