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Dear Caroline,

**Support for the 1st4sport Level 2 Diploma in coaching sport and instructing physical activities  
QAN: 601/7696/9**

I am writing to you to provide the Association's continued support for the *1st4sport Level 2 Diploma in coaching sports and instructing physical activities*, which has been designed to meet the requirements for a Technical Certificate qualification.

The Association for Physical Education (afPE) is the only physical education subject association in the UK. We are committed to being the representative organisation of choice for people and organisations delivering or supporting the delivery of physical education in schools and in the wider community. Our corporate objectives focus on the up skilling of the PE and sport workforce, advocacy work with government agencies and supporting the needs of the members.

The PE and school sport content in the above qualification has been developed in partnership with afPE, to introduce learners to a number of roles providing physical education and school sport to children in Key Stages 1-4. The qualification develops learners' knowledge and skills and enables them to support the delivery of PE and sport activities in a school sport environment. While much of the practical content is delivered through the medium of physical education and school sport, the skills may be used by learners aspiring to work in other roles within the community, such as activity leader, sports activator, sports coach and/or teaching.

The above qualification supports our organisation's Primary PE & Sport deliverables to ensure the best trained workforce. For those supporting schools that do not have qualified teacher status, we believe they should be in possession of a full, relevant and recognised Level 2 or Level 3 qualification.

Holders of this qualification are able to seek employment within governing bodies of sport and schools in positions such as: children's activity professionals; sports coaches and teaching assistants; providing a safe, enjoyable and learning experience for all pupils. This qualification also offers holders opportunities to progress their career into other related roles, including: sports development, sports officiating and teaching. The generic skills also provide those who have achieved the qualification with opportunities to transfer and apply their skills in many other non-sporting roles.

I hope the above information provides a sufficient rationale and indicator of our support for this new Technical Certificate qualification. We are happy that our support for this qualification is included on the qualification-specific page of the 1st4sport website.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Wilkinson  
afPE Chief Executive Officer