



## Premier Sport and Children's University

### Introduction

Some of you have already been working with the Children's University and we are pleased to be extending the partnership to all local Children's Universities in the UK. We have tried to anticipate and answer your questions below, but if you would like more information please get in touch.

### What is the Children's University?

The Children's University (CU) is an international charity that provides 7 to 14 year olds (and 5 and 6 year olds with their families and carers) with exciting, high quality learning experiences outside the normal school day. Our aim is to raise aspirations and develop a love of learning by issuing children with a *Passport To Learning* which records their individual learning journey. Children are rewarded for their participation with certificates at graduation ceremonies at local universities.

### How is it organised?

We work through a network of 90 local centres across the UK. The structure of each local CU is determined locally, and our CU Managers are all employed by local organisations who have chosen to work with the Children's University as a vehicle for achieving priorities shared by both organisations. Our CU Managers may be working in local authorities, in HE/FE, in private partnerships or in community interest companies.

### How can I contact my local CU Manager?

During April, all local Children's University Managers have been notified about the partnership, and you can contact them via our website [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk). Simply click on 'Local CUs' along the top of the home page, and then select 'Find your nearest CU'. This should enable you to use our search facility and find the contact details of your local CU Manager.

### What should we communicate to schools?

We ask all our public learning providers to channel their contacts with schools that are specifically about Children's University through us. We send regular updates to our managers and will also be pleased to include news about successful passport holders on our website. As a CU validated *Learning Destination*, all franchisees can include the Children's University *Learning Destination* logo on their promotional materials for the relevant activities. Enquiries from individual schools who are not currently part of the CU can be referred directly to the CU Trust. Your local *CU Manager* can give you more information. Once you have made contact with them and agreed details of the relevant classes in your area, they will be able to supply you with our *Learning Destination* logo which children recognise as a signpost to a place where they can use their *Passport To Learning*.

### What if there isn't a Children's University in my area?

If the schools are interested in finding out more about the Children's University, please ask them to contact the CU Trust via the website.

### How do we 'stamp' the passports?

Essentially, if children attending your classes are part of their local CU, they can enter the time they spend in classes into their Children's University *Passport To Learning*, and earn time towards their next award. We ask the session leader to stamp and sign the passport with the time spent – this can be done once every few weeks if necessary, using your existing records. We ask each learning provider to use their organisation's own stamp or stickers – it is much more motivating for the children to see a range of different symbols in their passports, rather than a row of identical ones.

### Can we include our no term time holiday programmes in the *Passport To Learning*?

In principle yes. The exact amount of time allocated to the programmes needs to be agreed, and depending on the consistency of the programmes across the country, we can do this centrally

**Using the Children's University *Passport To Learning* with Premier Sport programmes**

<b>Extra-curricular club</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Passport hours, guidance, and subject to local confirmation</b>
<b>Play Active</b>	Typically 60 minute sessions run before school, during lunch or after school. Aims to develop personal skills including collaboration, confidence, self esteem, co-ordination, social skills and communication skills during a fun, safe, physical activity. The session also promotes health & wellbeing.	Up to 1 hour per session, depending on the balance of activities and subject to local confirmation.
<b>Start Active</b>	Typically 60 minutes session delivered before school. Aims to improve reaction times and support children to become more alert. Stimulating yet not over stimulating sessions promoting healthy lifestyles and good habits ensuring children are fully awake and in a positive frame of mind.	As above
<b>Stay Active</b>	Typically 30-45 minute sessions delivered during school lunch breaks providing a structured activity session to engage children and keep them physically active during less structured part of the day. Aims to improve social skills, and targets both sporty and non sporty children as well as improving physical wellbeing.	As above
<b>Sport Active</b>	Typically 60 minute session delivered predominantly after school but can be delivered before school or during lunch times. Aims to teach children skills & techniques of individual sports plus strategy, tactics, team work, competing fairly and how to win and lose with respect.	As above