

Personal Information:

Name	Blain Nicholson	Main Subject	Primary Education	Specialism	Physical Education
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My academic qualifications:

School/College	University
Bridlington School Sports College (2007 – 2012) GCSE: Maths (B), English Language (C), English Literature (C), Science (C), Additional Science (C), Design & Technology (A), Physical Education (B), History (C), Geography (D), ICT (PASS) Bridlington School Sports College Sixth Form (2012 – 2014) BTEC Level 3: Extended Diploma in Sport (D*D*D*)	Northumbria University in Newcastle (2014 – 2017) BSc (Hons): Applied Sport and Exercise Science (2:1) North East Partnership SCITT (2021 - 2022) PGCE and QTS: Primary specialism with Physical Education (Pending)

The experience I have had in schools:

PGCE Placements	St Bede's Catholic Primary School , South Shields (September – December 2021/ April – June 2022) Cullercoats Primary School , North Shields (January – March 2022)
Other Placements and / or Employment in Schools	Bridlington School Sports College , Bridlington (February – June 2014) Ravenswood Primary School , Newcastle (February – June 2017)

The strengths I have within my teaching:

Core Subjects	Physical Education	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">I have a secure knowledge and understanding of core subjects and continue to build upon this outside of the PGCE course. This has enabled me to develop my adaptive practice to make lessons interactive, engaging and supportive while increasing student engagement and progress.I consider Maths to be a real strength. I use number puzzles to engage children in maths outside of the classroom and to help stimulate their minds to think more methodically; a skill that I believe is vital for children's learningI regularly take advantage of the opportunity to observe and team teach with expert practitioners in the teaching of core subjects across Key Stages 1 and 2. It provides me with a greater understanding of the level of teaching and learning required at each phase and specifically helps me to develop a range of interactive, engaging and challenging approaches to teaching.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completing a sport related degree, being a trained archery coach and a previous athlete on the GB archery squad has proved beneficial when teaching and especially in PE. I build strong relationships with children and use a range of positive behaviour management strategies to encourage children to challenge themselves.I am passionate about developing children's key skills such as respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience and honesty.I place a high value on physical education, physical activity and sport in the development of children's physical literacy, cognitive ability and social and emotional development. I pride myself in planning and teaching lessons that encourage participation in a safe, supportive and progressive manner that will encourage future active lifestyles into adulthood.NGB & Teacher Courses: RFU Kids First Tag Rugby, FA Primary Teachers Award, Read, Write Inc. phonics, Bee Netball, Level 1 Archery Coaching, Level 1 Rock climbing, Level 1 Handball, Emergency First Aid Award, TOP Sport, Real Gym, Real PE and KS2 Top Sport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Throughout my PGCE year I have strengthened my teaching techniques and practices to support and challenge all children to achieve and make progress.I have strengthened my knowledge and skills in the teaching of foundation subjects with a particular focus on coding at Key Stage 2, Art and Geography.I thoroughly enjoy teaching history as it encourages discussion, practices writing skills and engages children in questioning. I have developed a broad range of strategies and resources to teach history along with other subjects in an interactive way; something I believe is essential in high quality teaching.

My personal skills and qualities:

I am an outgoing individual; I communicate well with staff and students by building strong relationships. I demonstrate strong professional behaviours and am an enthusiastic practitioner. I actively seek opportunities to receive feedback and reflect on lessons to develop my teaching practice. I have a strong work ethic and pride myself on being exceptionally well organised.

My other interests and hobbies:

I enjoy being physically active and take part in sports and fitness activities whenever I can. My continued involvement in archery and snowboarding allows me to model to children that there are a wide variety of sports and hobbies that suit all levels of ability and interests. I value the importance of family and cherish opportunities to spend time with them as they do not live in the UK.

Preferred location:

North East