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EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges: About the programme

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Schools and colleges who want to access support can register their interest on the [EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges](#) website for more information.

The Department for Education (DfE) changed the aims of this programme to help schools and colleges access training and advice on remote teaching during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Details about the programme before April 2020 are available from the [National Archives](#).

The role of demonstrator schools and colleges during coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Demonstrator schools and colleges are a network of providers who have shown they can use technology effectively and have the capacity to help other schools and colleges to do the same.

They will support a range of schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak by helping those schools who are most in need of support, have recently adopted an online learning platform or have high numbers of disadvantaged learners. The support package includes advice, training, online tutorials, webinars and recorded content.

How demonstrator schools and colleges were selected

Demonstrator schools and colleges are state-funded schools and further education providers in England offering primary, secondary and or 16 to 19 education with an overall Ofsted rating of good or outstanding. During the selection process, they also needed to satisfy DfE that they had good financial controls and financial reserves.

The first 20 [successful EdTech demonstrator school and college applicants](#) were announced on 24 April 2020. DfE ran a further funding round between 24 April and 29 April 2020 to invite further applicants to express an interest in becoming demonstrator schools and colleges.

The role of DfE's delivery partner

DfE will use its delivery partner London Grid for Learning, and their consortium, made up of the Education Foundation and the Sheffield Institute of Education, to ensure that the demonstrator schools and colleges are supported at a national level. The London Grid for Learning will work collaboratively with demonstrator schools and colleges to:

- manage day-to-day support of the demonstrator schools and colleges
- create a national level offer of support for schools and colleges across the country which draws on the best resources from the demonstrator schools and colleges
- allocate associated funding to demonstrator schools and colleges quarterly
- ensure value for money is achieved and conditions of grant are met by the demonstrator schools and colleges
- conduct formative and final evaluation by July 2021

Allocation of funding

Each demonstrator school or college will be awarded between £70,000 and £150,000 for activity during the 2020 to 2021 financial year. The amount of funding awarded to demonstrator schools and colleges will depend on the number and type of schools they will support as well as the type, level and intensity of the support they will offer.

The programme is not designed to support schools to buy new IT infrastructure or to pay for marketing materials.

How DfE will review the effectiveness of the programme

An evaluation of the programme will be carried out by the Sheffield Institute of Education.

LGfL will assess demonstrator schools and colleges' progress against their activity plans and manage performance and reporting arrangements.

How the programme will develop during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The demonstrator schools and colleges selected in April 2020 and June 2020 are now working with other schools and colleges to help with remote learning.

DfE is currently reviewing applicants who expressed an interest in the further round of funding and plan to announce additional demonstrator schools and colleges in May 2020. Shortly after the announcement, DfE will award funding so they can begin their activities.

More information

More information about the programme is available from the [EdTech demonstrator schools and colleges](#) website.

[Get technology support for children and schools](#) offers guidance for schools and colleges on how to get internet access, digital devices and support to provide remote education during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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