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# Teaching school hubs

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## Overview

[Teaching school hubs](#) are lead schools that deliver evidence-based professional development to schools in a designated area of the country.

This professional development covers every stage of a teacher's career and is designed to work for all subjects, phases and schools.

## Trainee teachers

Teaching school hubs deliver high quality [school-based initial teacher training](#), underpinned by the initial teacher training (ITT) core content framework, either as an accredited ITT provider or a partner school.

## Cost

Where applicable, there will be individual funding arrangements in place between the accredited ITT provider and their placement schools. This reflects the additional roles and responsibilities associated with hosting an ITT trainee, such as the placement school providing a mentor for the trainee.

## Early career teachers

Teaching school hubs deliver free, DfE-funded training to early career teachers and their mentors to ensure their practice is based in the evidence set out in the [Early Career Framework](#).

They can also quality assure the statutory induction that the early career teacher receives through the appropriate body role.

## Cost

Early career teachers and mentors in state-funded schools and 16 to 19 organisations are funded by DfE to complete the Early Career Framework full induction programme.

## More experienced teachers and leaders

Teaching school hubs deliver the full suite of [national professional qualifications \(NPQs\)](#), consisting of:

- [specialist NPQs](#) for teachers and leaders to enhance and develop their existing skills and knowledge both inside and outside of the classroom
- [leadership NPQs](#) for existing and aspiring leaders to develop their knowledge and skills for leadership roles in schools and multi-academy trusts

## Cost

Teachers and leaders working in state-funded schools and 16 to 19 organisations can access fully funded training scholarships for all NPQs. Full details of [scholarship eligibility](#) are available. This includes eligibility in early years and other settings.

Some small settings may also be eligible for a £200 grant payment to help access the courses.

## Teachers at every stage in their career

Teaching school hubs promote and deliver other high-quality continuing professional development (CPD) for school leaders and teachers in their local area.

This additional CPD complements existing DfE-approved programmes and existing hub offers, to meet local needs.

A total of 87 teaching school hubs have been designated across all areas of the country, meaning all schools have access to the professional development that hubs offer.

## Who can access this support

Any state-funded school, 16 to 19 organisation, special school, alternative provision setting, or early years setting in England can access a teaching school hub.

## How to access this support

Use the [list of teaching school hubs by area](#) to find your local teaching school hub.

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