

School-led grant funding

The Department for Education will provide ring-fenced grant funding directly to schools to support provision of school-led tutoring, in the academic year 2021/22. **The amount that schools will receive will be proportionate to the number of Pupil Premium students on roll.** For the next academic year, the grant will be calculated to cover 75% of the cost of locally-sourced tuition (based on average costs of tutoring) with schools contributing the remaining costs.

Schools will have **flexibility** to use this additional grant as they see fit in providing tuition support to pupils that can benefit most. Schools will have **freedom** to determine who is best placed to deliver tutoring support to meet their particular needs, including utilising existing school staff or others who are familiar with their school and pupil needs. Schools can exercise their **discretion** in determining which pupils are most in need of tutoring support, including using this grant to support tutoring for non-pupil-premium students, as they see fit.

The school-led tutoring scheme is designed to complement the existing tutoring routes introduced in 2020 through the National Tutoring Programme (NTP). In 2021/22, the Department will expand the amount of tuition available through the programme to provide access for tutoring support to around 40% of Pupil Premium students, across all state-funded schools in England. The amount of funding available through the school-led tutoring grant reflects this, by providing sufficient funding to schools to offer tutoring support for the remaining 60% of Pupil Premium students.

Further information, including the grant conditions, will be released by the Department over the coming months.

Funding allocations

To help schools with their financial planning, we can confirm that school allocations for the School-led tutoring grant in Academic Year 2021/22 will be calculated based on the number of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium.

All state-funded primary, middle and secondary schools in England, including academies and free schools, will receive **£203 for 60% of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, from Year 1 to Year 11.**

We have applied additional weighting to specialist settings, recognising the significantly higher per pupil costs they face. The following settings will receive **£529 for 60% of places for AY2021/2022:**

- Special schools, including special units within mainstream schools
- Alternative Education Provision / Pupil Referral Units
- Hospital schools

All funds received either through the School-led tutoring grant funding, Recovery Premium or Pupil Premium can be spent at a school's discretion and does not need to be restricted to Pupil Premium pupils only. We recognise that schools are in the best position to identify the pupils in most need of tuition support and should use this money to support these students.

With School-led tutoring funding, a typical primary school of 200 pupils will receive £6,000 while a typical secondary school of 1,000 pupils will receive £35,000.

Final allocations will be confirmed to schools at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

To find out more about our Tutoring offer, please visit us at [School-led tutoring | NTP \(nationaltutoring.org.uk\)](https://www.nationaltutoring.org.uk)

FAQs:

What is the School-led tutoring offer?

Based on your feedback, we are introducing a grant payment to all schools, based on the number of pupil premium students. This payment is ring-fenced to fund tutoring provision that can be locally sourced by schools. This could include using your teaching assistants, existing teaching staff or even local tutoring resource that is familiar with your schools and pupil needs. You have complete flexibility to use this payment in the best way to suit your school tutoring needs. This funding is expected to cover around 75% of the costs of local tutoring provision in AY 2021/22 with the schools contributing the remaining costs.

What is the subsidy level for the School-led grant?

The school-led tutoring offer will cover 75% of the expected cost for locally sourced tutoring. Schools will be expected to cover the cost for the additional 25% from their Recovery or Pupil Premium funds.

Based on a figure of £270 per pupil to deliver a 15-hour course of tuition, the Department will provide around £203 of grant funding, with schools providing a further £67.

For specialist schools, based on a figure of £705 to deliver a 15-hour course of tuition to one pupil, the Department will provide £529 of grant funding, with schools providing a further £176.

Could you provide an example of how to calculate my school's funding?

Here's an example of how this might work:

If a school has ten pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, the Department will provide funding for six pupils. That is, sixty percent of the pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. In this case, the Department will provide £1,218 of funding, equivalent to £203 per pupil.

The school will 'top up' this pot of funding, to meet an average course cost of £270. In this case, a school would provide £402 which is 25% of a course cost.

This would increase the total pot for tuition to £1,620 to deliver six 15-hour courses of tuition.

Specialist schools should calculate their funding in the same way, with a total 15-

hour course cost of £705.

Is there a formula to calculate how much my school/specialist setting will need to contribute, on average?

For schools, please use this formula:

Number of Pupils eligible for Pupil Premium		Portion of students funded (60%)		School funded element
[Insert number here]	X	0.6]	X £67

For specialist settings, please use this formula:

Number of places within specialist settings		Portion of students funded (60%)		Specialist setting funded element
[Insert number here]	X	0.6]	X £176

Why does the school-led grant only support 60% of Pupil Premium pupils?

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Will my school have to 'top up' this allocation?

Yes. This funding is expected to cover around 75% of the costs of local tutoring provision in Academic Year 2021/22 with schools contributing the remaining costs. For example:

Based on a figure of £270 per pupil, to deliver a 15-hour course of tuition to one pupil, the Department will provide around £203 of grant funding, with schools providing a further £67.

Does this funding need to be spent on 1-to-1 tuition?

No. Schools have the flexibility to use this funding to deliver small group tuition, including to small groups of two or three pupils. If this option is chosen, schools can group pupil funding together. For example, if a school chooses to deliver fifteen hours of tuition to a group of three pupils, schools can group three lots of funding together. Therefore, the total cost for these 15-hours of tuition will be £810, with funding at 75%.

When will we receive our allocation?

This grant will be funded in several instalments over the Academic Year. These dates are still to be confirmed. However, we are confident that the Department will make the first payment in September to Local Authority schools and early October for Academies.

Do I have to use this funding on Pupil Premium pupils?

No. We recognise that each school has pupils with varying needs so we have developed a tutoring proposition that provides a high degree of flexibility and choice. We have developed options that make it easier for schools to access tutoring whilst ensuring that you can still exercise a high degree of discretion to support the pupils you believe are most in need.

Can I use the School-Led Tutoring grant to pay the costs my school incur from tuition delivered by Tuition Partners or the Academic Mentor scheme?

No. Schools should not use this school-led funding to subsidise the Tuition Partner and Academic Mentor strands. Instead, this should be used to source tuition support through existing staff or staff with existing links to the school.

Does the Department subsidise all 3 strands of the National Tutoring Programme equally?

No. The subsidy levels for all strands of the National Tutoring Programme, for Academic Year 2021/22 are outlined below:

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Academic Mentoring	95%

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