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OCTOBER NEWS

How is it October already?

As we move to a new month in the academic year, we hope that the start of the school term has been positive.

This month you may be conducting appraisals, where CPD is central to the conversation. Please do take the time to consider the L.E.A.D. Professional Development offer for your staff members. DfE accredited NPQs are open for application for the 2026/2027 cohort. You can find out further information on page 6 or click here to apply. 

This newsletter provides updates around the latest messages and any CPD which may support this conversation. You will also notice that we are including the RISE Universal Offer for schools to engage with too as part of the DfE offer and aims to support the regional plan.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year and continuing to share expertise, connect colleagues and make a positive difference across all schools.

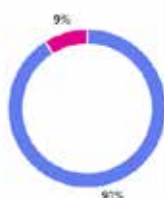


We are PROUD to share this...

Thank you to those of you who completed the DfE survey for the Teaching School Hub in the previous academic year. The feedback was 100% positive in the return! The comments also really help us to shape the offer for this academic year.

6. How would you rate the quality of the training from the Teaching School Hub? (0 point)

Excellent 61
 Good 6
 Average 0
 Poor 0
 Very Poor 0



4. I am satisfied with my schools overall experience of working with the Teaching School Hub this year. (0 point)

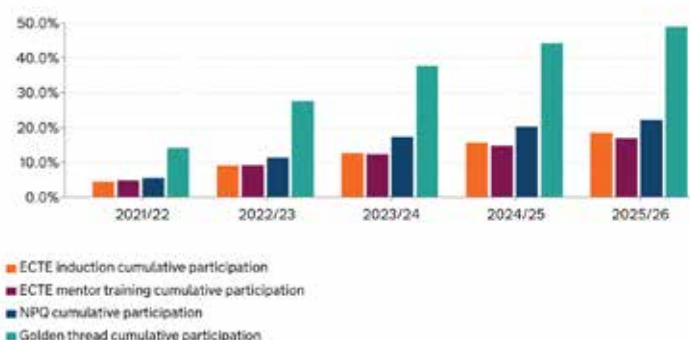
Completely agree 64
 Somewhat agree 3
 Neither agree not disagree 0
 Somewhat disagree 0
 Completely disagree 0



Equally, the DfE has shared that at least half of the workforce nationally are engaged with the Golden Thread of Professional Development. This appears to be increasing annually which is great to see.

Around half of the workforce have participated in golden thread training

Share of the teaching workforce who had participated by each academic year, 2021/22 to 2025/26



Lincolnshire Leadership Conference 2026

The Power of Partnership:
'Aspiration, Action & Achievement'

Friday 13th November
2026



Held at Lincoln Bishop University

Keynotes	
Brendan Hall	Leading through uncertain times
Sonia Gill	Creating excellence, regardless of circumstance

Workshops	
Bradley Busch	Adaptive Teaching & Asking better questions
Jenny Parkinson-Mills	Education in the Age of AI: enhancing teaching, learning and pupils' readiness for the future
The Marton School	Creating an inspirational PD curriculum
Two Counties Trust - Secondary	Creating a climate for effective CPD
Nimish Lad	How a model of learning can drive metacognition

Don't Miss Out!
Book Your Place Today!

Early Bird Tickets: £125
Small Schools Tickets: £99
Tickets from October: £135



Whole School SEND Conference – FREE

There is a Whole School SEND Conference in November.
Please see below for further details.

East Midlands Regional Conference

DEVELOPING BELONGING THROUGH SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

Join us for a free, DfE-funded day of continuing professional development.

- ✓ Explore how to create a communication-friendly environment so that language is not a barrier to learning
- ✓ Learn to develop a whole-school approach to identifying and supporting learners with speech, language and communication needs (SCLN)
- ✓ Connect with practitioners across the East Midlands!

FREE
SEND
CPD

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

WARDA FARAH
Co-Founder of Rounded,
Speech & Language Therapist

AMY WRIGHT
Speech & Language Therapist,
Acorn Speech Therapy Ltd

**Department for Education
Representative**

📍 Park Plaza Nottingham, 41 Maid
Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6GD
📅 26th November 2026
🕒 9:30AM – 3:00PM

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Early Years

EYCC are delivering a programme of training and network opportunities designed to support Reception teachers in delivering high-quality Early Years practice and achieving the best outcomes for children.



These include training on:

- The Prime Areas of Learning
- Early Years Partnership Meetings
- Transition Forums
- EYFS Profile training
- Assessment Support Twilights

Details have been sent to school and attached to School News. If you have not received a copy of the flyer, please email eyworkforcedevelopment@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Read
more here

Attendance Blog: The Three Relationships

In this blog, we consider three relationships that can be impacted by poor pupil attendance, and how we can restore them: self, others and curriculum.

Read
more here

Prevent Duty/ Safeguarding

Gov.uk have updated their safeguarding guidance with 'The Prevent Duty: practical guidance for designated safeguarding leads'.



PE and Sport Premium Guidance for Primary Schools

On 24th September, the PE Sport Premium Guidance for Primary Schools was released. You can access it here:



New Vocational GCSEs unveiled in major shake-up to hands-on learning for teens

Read the DfE press release here:



TeacherTales: How I support SEND pupils with these 10 tips

I believe in inclusion and I often wonder if we're providing the best possible academic progress for our SEND learners within mainstream schools. Do we have enough time to spend with them? How can we improve their progress regardless of sets, or mixed ability classes? How can we teach them to the best of their abilities within overcrowded classes, struggling budgets and other daily difficulties?

Read on to find out more...



Four Ways to put Adaptive Practice into Action

There is a growing interest among schools in how adaptive teaching can help support pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), to make meaningful progress towards the learning goals of lessons.

The blog from Ambition Institute gives suggestions to support this.



A Sense of Belonging: The Power of Positive Relationships in the Early Years

We know that positive relationships are vital. Only when we get this right, and when children feel they belong, can we begin to think about teaching and learning.

Read on to find out more...



Appraisals



You will currently be leading appraisals for the academic year. How do you conduct this within your setting?

Here are some top tips and advice within these articles below.



Life Skills Come First



Recent headlines about government proposals for primary schools to identify children at risk of future unemployment have sparked strong reactions. The article identifies the importance of life skills.

Igniting Excellence in Education



Forge have shared a range of tools and resources to support pedagogical approaches.

Do take the time to have a look.



Guidance: Child on Child Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Summary

Here is a useful summary around Child on Child Abuse and Sexual Harassment. This may be of use for staff members.



CLICK HERE

The EDIB Calendar

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, BELONGING AND PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS.

L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub remains committed to supporting schools in developing their approach to Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Protected Characteristics.



Please find a copy of the latest EDIB newsletter for October



Assessment Only Route

The Assessment Only Route is a fantastic vehicle for your experienced, highly effective yet **unqualified classroom teachers to gain QTS** and for schools to invest in great practitioners. It offers a robust and thorough assessment of practice against Teachers' Standards. Evidence is gathered from interview, observations, professional discussion, school feedback and a comprehensive portfolio. QTS can be achieved in less than 12 weeks once the initial visit is completed. Lincolnshire ITT has a strong track record of working in a wide range of settings with positive feedback and invitations to return.

Senior Leader feedback: 'outstanding support throughout the process, clear guidance on expectations and evidence required, ensuring candidates are well prepared at each stage' and feedback which is 'insightful, helping candidates to reflect on and strengthen their classroom practice'.

Candidate comments: feedback is 'clear and very useful', the experience provided 'extremely supportive professional dialogue and constructive challenge', the process has been 'enjoyable with a great outcome'.

Assessment Only Route - The fee for AOR is £2,750 + expenses

- This route is for unqualified teachers where the Headteacher believes they are already meeting Teachers' Standards
- This is an assessment process, not a training route to QTS, and takes place in a 3 month assessment window
- The candidate must be employed in a teaching role within the school
- The candidate will have had teaching experience of 2 years or more, in at least 2 different settings
- The candidate cannot access student finance funding and is not required to come out of school for the process
- The fees are payable by the school to Lincolnshire ITT but funding will be agreed between the school and the candidate



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If you would like to speak to someone about the Assessment Only Route to QTS please contact **SCITTenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk**; and someone will come back to you.



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ECTE

ECTE Welcome Events

We are excited to announce that we are running three additional welcome events this term for our Induction Mentors, Year 1 ECTs, Year 2 ECTs and Induction Tutors. The sessions will be delivered online and include key information around the Early Career Training Programme which is separate from Statutory Induction.

Early Career Training Programme Welcome Events - please click on your chosen event to book

**Year 1 ECT and
corresponding Mentors**



Monday 5th October
3.45pm-4.15pm

**Year 2 ECT and
corresponding Mentors**



Wednesday 14th October
3.45pm-4.15pm

Induction Tutors



Thursday 15th October
3.45pm-4.15pm

ECT Year 2

This term, we are looking forward to launching Year 2 of the Early Career Training Programme (ECTP). Training events for Year 2 ECTs will include expert inputs, group and teacher practice opportunities and an opportunity for ECTs to network. The expert inputs in the Autumn Term are on 'Behaviour as Communication'.

We are excited to be setting off on this ECTP Year 2 journey with you all and feel that the content will be highly effective in supporting a more personalised learning journey, designed to support in depth self-study and sustained professional growth over time. We look forward to welcoming our ECT 2s to these training events.

Event booking

Our Autumn Term training events for ECTs and Mentors have now commenced, please ensure that your ECTs and mentors have secured their place. Events for Year 1 ECTs and Mentors and events for Year 2 ECTs can be found using the links (right): Please note that the mentor training is one year only.

Year
1

Year
2

Registering New ECTs

If you have an ECT who is new to your school, please make sure you have registered them for induction. Follow this link for a step-by-step guide to registering your ECT:



The deadline to register ECTs for the Autumn Term is **Friday 2nd October 2026**. Failure to register ECTs by this date will result in a delayed Induction.

**AB**

Quality Assurance Visits

In line with the DfE Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub Appropriate Body (AB), complete Quality Assurance visits with a minimum 10% of our schools per academic year. We endeavour to work with a range of schools each year.



Our quality assurance visits are built around a collaborative approach in which we meet with Headteachers, Induction Tutors, Mentors and ECTs to gain a detailed understanding of the induction process, identifying the positive aspects as well as those that might be refined or developed further.

Reviewing and monitoring the statutory ITTECF based induction processes for quality assurance purposes also allows for both examples of effective practice to be highlighted and promotes the status of the induction process in schools.

We also welcome schools to contact us if they would like a QA visit, to enable them to support and strengthen their ECT offer. Please contact keira@leadtshub.co.uk if this is something you would like to discuss further.

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“The appropriate body praised our work ethic and the systems we have in place, which confirmed that our induction processes are effective. This increased my confidence in our approach and reinforced the importance of maintaining and continuing to develop high-quality induction practices.”

“The QA visit helped me to review systems previously implemented but also validated the school's systems. It provided an opportunity to reflect on how we're supporting ECTs and to reassure us that we're meeting the requirements”

The Appropriate Body Team

Our dedicated team and points of contact include:

- **Sophie Lougher - Early Career Teacher and Appropriate Body Lead**
- **Matthew Davidson - Deputy Appropriate Body Lead**
Please contact Matt for queries regarding support plans or concerns around an ECT.
- **Keira Kelleher - Appropriate Body Assistant Lead and Programme Facilitator**
Please contact Keira regarding statutory leave, quality assurance visits and reduction to induction queries.
- **Rachael Viscomi - Early Career and Appropriate Body Administrator**

If you have any questions regarding induction, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team.



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NPQ

Autumn Cohort (commencing November 2026): APPLY NOW

We are so excited by the wonderful response to our NPQ application opening. We have received a high level of applications, so do not miss your opportunity. Therefore, please continue to apply via the links below. We will be offering the full suite of NPQs and cannot wait to welcome you onto the course!



NPQLT

NPQLTD

NPQLBC

NPQLL

NPQ
LPM*

Specialist NPQs

NPQH

NPQ
SENCo

NPQSL

NPQEYL

NPQEL

Leadership NPQs

Deadline fast approaching – do not miss out!

Please check your eligibility for funding here:



Funded places are limited, so please submit your application at the earliest convenience to avoid disappointment.

Recruitment Webinar

On 30th September, Teach First hosted their recruitment webinar. It was an honour to be asked to contribute to this: one of our Senior Leadership cohort members gave insights into what the course had brought to them both personally and professionally.

We are proud to partner with Teach First as our Lead Provider, and should you have any questions at all, please contact colette@leadtshub.co.uk

Congratulations!

Well done to our NPQ Participants who passed their NPQs! It has been a privilege to be the Delivery Partner for your leadership qualification and we wish you every success.



Spotlight on NPQEL!

The NPQ for Executive Leadership (NPQEL) is for school leaders who are, or aspire to be, system leaders with responsibility for leading improvement at scale. This might be as an executive headteacher, CEO or in a trust leadership role.

Our NPQEL participants benefit from:

- **An executive leader trust visit** - providing the time and space to explore leadership in a different Trust or organisation, to network and collaborate with peers.
- **Online self-study** - accessible anytime and anywhere, providing easy access for reference.
- **Tailored content** - through regular assessments, self-reflection and discussion.
- **Support** - to make the transition from Leader to Executive Leader - where it's needed.
- **Expert input via conference days** - across a range of areas such as the CEO role, developing MATs, finance, governance, values-led leadership and collaboration around school improvement priorities.

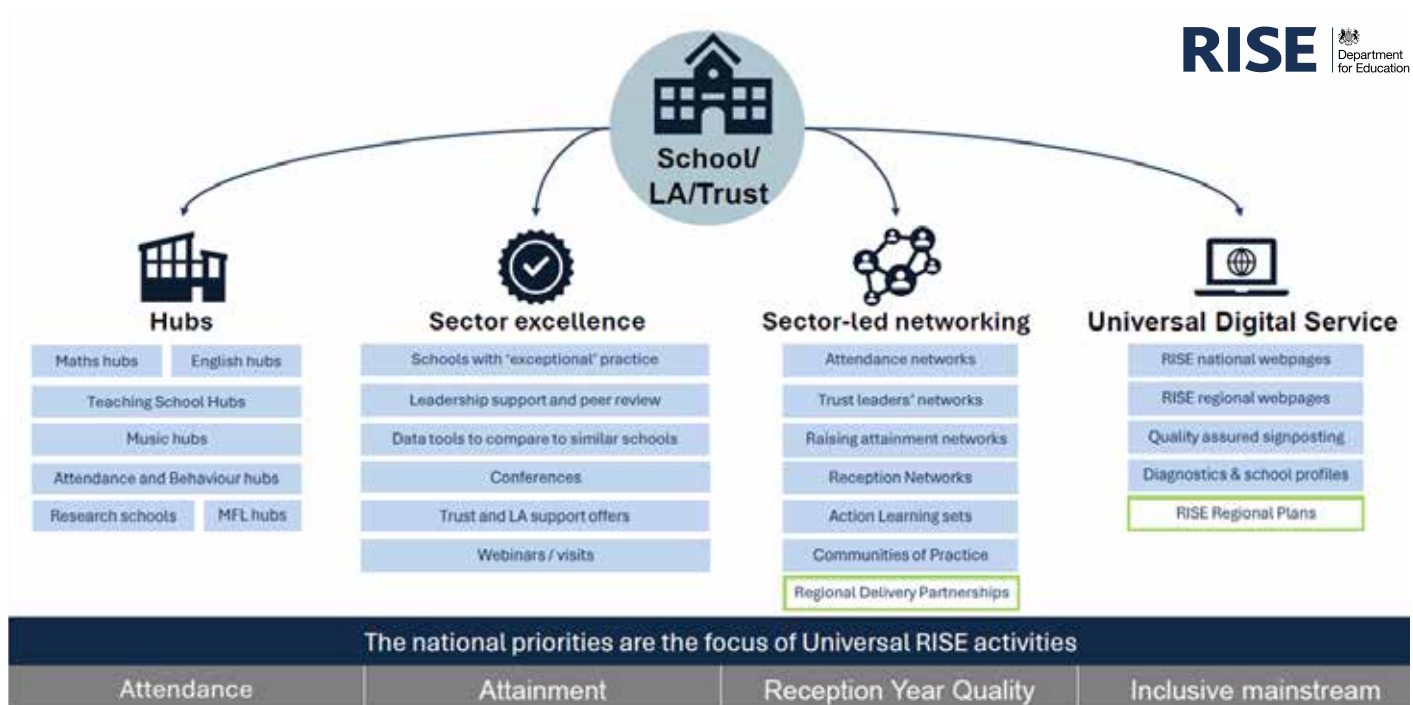
**ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM FULL FUNDING:
DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY TODAY.**



You will be aware through RISE that the Curriculum Hubs are central to the offer. The DfE have helpfully created overview to demonstrate this.

We hope this is helpful when working with your staff teams and accessing the free offers available.

Universal RISE: promoting existing best practice



RISE Attendance and Behaviour Hubs

The RISE Attendance & Behaviour Hub programme is pleased to announce that registrations are now open for the January 2027 regional support offer of the programme. All mainstream schools are eligible to participate in the regional support offer, including schools currently receiving targeted RISE support. The programme brings together schools from across the region to tackle shared attendance and behaviour priorities through practical, school-led collaboration and peer learning. Schools joining the programme will benefit from:

- High-quality online CPD delivered by sector experts, with 92% of participants in the previous cohort rating the sessions as useful
- Exclusive opportunities to visit lead schools and see effective practice in action through in-person open days
- Collaborative, solution-focused discussions with schools facing similar challenges across the region
- Access to proven strategies and approaches that support sustainable school improvement

Run by schools, for schools, the programme provides a valuable opportunity to learn from experienced practitioners, share effective practice and strengthen approaches to attendance and behaviour.

Feedback from previous cohorts has been overwhelmingly positive. Participants described the open day visits as "inspirational" and among the "most useful training" they had received, with the visits achieving an average usefulness rating of 4.76/5.

All interested schools should complete the **Expression of Interest form** by **6th November 2026**. A member of the team will then be in touch with further information and next steps.

New free SEND and inclusion training materials now available!

The Department for Education has published a new suite of SEND In-House Training Materials to support schools and post-16 settings with staff development on SEND and inclusion. The materials include practical, editable resources that leaders can adapt for their own setting.

- Schools:** SEND and Inclusion Training for Mainstream Schools
- Post-16 settings:** SEND and Inclusion Training for Post-16 Settings

This will be explored in more detail at the Autumn Leadership Briefing.

RISE Reception Quality Webinar Series: autumn 2026

The DfE have created a webinar series to support teachers and leaders in the Early Year.

This includes three practical webinars exploring inclusive environments, GLD reports and SEND to support effective reception practice.



English Hub

New Logo!

The English Hub has a new logo- a slight tweak with the incorporation of the relationship with RISE within in!



We are delighted to welcome you to the 2026/27 academic year. This is an exciting year for Witham St Hughs English Hub as we officially roll out our support across Reception, KS1, KS2 and KS3.

Expression of Interest

If you would like to access our support offer this year, please complete the relevant Expression of Interest form:

KS1

KS2

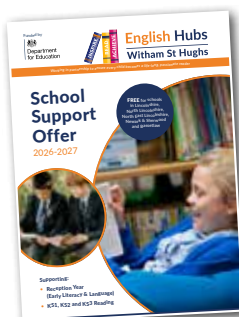
KS3

Please note that places are limited and completing an Expression of Interest does not guarantee that an audit will take place during the 2026/27 academic year. We will prioritise schools according to need and available capacity.

Our Reception audits and Partner School support are currently available to DfE-selected schools only. However, if your school has not been selected, please do still get in touch. We would love to explore how we can work with you through our wider support offer and help you strengthen the delivery of early literacy and language in Reception.

Wider Support Offer

Please find our brochure here which contains our support offer for 2026/27.



Read more here



Funding Update – Important Changes for 2026/27

There have been some important changes to English Hub funding arrangements for this academic year.

The DfE has introduced strict match-funding requirements, with funding now primarily focused on supporting English Hub Partner Schools.

We recognise that the changes to funding arrangements may raise questions for schools, particularly around eligibility, match funding and how this affects the support available to you.

If you are unsure about the changes or would like to discuss what this means for your school, please get in touch with the English Hub team. We are very happy to clarify the position and help you understand what support may be available to you.

Meet the Witham St Hughs English Hub Leadership Team

We are excited to begin the new academic year with our expanded team. Here is your English Hub team for 2026/27:



Colette Duggan – Strategic Lead

Colette provides strategic leadership for the English Hub and oversees the wider direction and development of our work.



Sophie Hirst – English Hub Lead

Sophie oversees the Hub's delivery, with a particular focus on the KS1 workstream, early reading, early language and reading for pleasure.



Ria Lane – Deputy English Hub Lead

Ria leads our KS2 and KS3 workstreams, supporting schools to develop reading provision, including reading fluency and reading catch-up.



Lisa Cassidy – Senior Literacy Specialist

Lisa leads the Reception workstream, supporting schools with early literacy and language development.

The 2026/27 academic year promises to be an exciting one for Witham St Hughs English Hub. Whether you are already working closely with us or are engaging with the Hub for the first time, we look forward to supporting you and your school. If you have any questions about our support, audits, funding or how to get involved, please get in touch with the team via carrieanne@leadtshub.co.uk or 01522 214459.

Active Training

When your school is ready to begin its Active Spelling or Active English journey, Active training can be booked with one of our expert facilitators. Training includes two, 2-hour live training sessions, handbooks for all staff, access to the L.E.A.D. Active secure platform, access to termly online network meetings and a termly Active newsletter.

Bronze, Silver and Gold packages are available, and pricing is banded based on number of staff, including a new small schools package for 2026/27 - starting from £600.



Refresher Training

Designed for schools already trained in an Active approach and need a refresher for their whole staff team, this training updates and upskills staff who are already teaching an Active approach in their classroom.

Refresher training is 2 hours, led by an expert facilitator and at a cost of £175.

New Staff to Active Training

This training is designed for new staff to existing Active-trained schools. This training can also be accessed by staff who have previously received training but have since moved year group or key stage and would benefit from a refresher.

This training is online at a cost of £50 per person.

Active Development

Active development mornings are an invaluable opportunity for those leading an Active approach in their schools to work alongside an expert facilitator for the morning. A development morning provides the opportunity to co-observe teaching and identify strengths and areas for development alongside an Active specialist, leaving with a clear road map for the leadership of Active within your school setting.

Development mornings (or afternoons) are for 3 hours, at a cost of £175, or £350 for a full day.

Open Mornings

Active Open Mornings are a great way to see if an Active approach might be the right fit for your school.

Come along to meet an expert Active facilitator within their own school setting, hear all about the programme and its impact on pupil learning and outcomes, and see an Active session being taught live in real time within the classroom.

Active Open Mornings are completely free to attend and take place 6 times a year, once per term.



Leading the Early Years in the Current Climate

Strengthening curriculum design, leadership, and practice to secure high-quality early years provision

Intended Impact of the Programme

- Secure understanding of progression across the EYFS and how learning builds over time
- Strengthen leadership capacity to design, implement and evaluate a coherent, ambitious EYFS curriculum
- Ensure curriculum intent is clearly defined and consistently enacted across provision
- Develop confident use of evidence from observation and interaction to evaluate the quality of education
- Promote high-quality provision that enables children to develop knowledge, skills and understanding over time
- Support leaders to identify strengths and priorities for improvement with clarity and precision
- Enable leaders to clearly articulate the impact of the EYFS curriculum on children's learning, development and readiness for Year 1

Overview of the Programme Content and Sessions

Join Ruth Swailes for this focused one-day course designed to strengthen understanding of effective curriculum design and delivery in the early years.

The course supports leaders to develop a secure, shared understanding of the EYFS curriculum, with a strong emphasis on embedding high-quality practice and ensuring clear progression for all learners. Participants will explore practical examples and tools to evaluate provision and monitor its impact.

Through interactive sessions, participants will examine how learning is sequenced across the EYFS and how to design rich, purposeful experiences that build

knowledge and skills over time. We will also explore the features of an effective early years' curriculum and how these are reflected in strong practice.

Leaders will build confidence in evaluating provision through observation, professional dialogue, and evidence-informed approaches, supporting leaders to clearly articulate the quality and impact of their EYFS curriculum, with reference to Ofsted expectations and the current inspection framework.

Aimed at:

Headteachers, senior leaders, and those new to leading in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS),



Tuesday 6th October 2026

9.30am – 3pm

L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub,
Lincoln LN6 3QR

Cost: £75



Course Leader
Ruth Swailes

Ruth has over 30 years' experience in education and has taught every year group from Nursery to year 6. She has held a range of senior leadership roles including primary headship. Ruth has worked as a School Improvement Advisor, Inspector, Early Years Advisor, strategic lead and consultant in several Local Authorities and has a proven track record of supporting schools to improve outcomes for children. Ruth's particular passion is working with children in the 0-7 range and she currently works with settings, providers, MATs, LAs, Hubs and schools nationally and internationally providing training and support.

Ruth is the lead developer, author and trainer for the Oxford University Press International Early Years Curriculum for children aged 2-6, which is used in more than 40 countries. She was named Nursery World Trainer of the Year in 2021 and recognised by ISC research as a leading influencer in International Education in 2022. She has written several books about Early Education.

Securing Strong Foundations in Secondary Handwriting

A combined package of leadership CPD and intervention CPD to improve secondary pupils' handwriting.

Intended Impact of the Programme

This programme will:

- Upskill secondary literacy leaders so that they have the knowledge and expertise to lead whole-school improvements in handwriting
- Train teachers or TAs on how to deliver the Graphia handwriting intervention to secondary pupils (one-to-one, small group, or whole class)
- Provide support with key aspects of implementation

Aimed at:

To ensure effective implementation and maximum impact, schools should send their Literacy Lead to Sessions 1 and 3. Teachers or TAs delivering the intervention should attend Session 2 only.

Session 1: Secondary Literacy Leaders

Session 2: Teachers or TAs delivering handwriting intervention

Session 3: Secondary Literacy Leaders

Overview of the Programme Content and Sessions

Session 1: Secondary Literacy Leaders

Session 1 introduces the key research and practical principles for effective handwriting instruction. Across the day, participants will have the opportunity to explore:

- Assessment of handwriting
- What good handwriting intervention looks like
- The logistics of handwriting intervention
- How whole-school approaches can build strong foundations in handwriting

Session 2: Teachers or TAs delivering handwriting intervention

Session 2 provides teachers or TAs with full training on how to deliver the Graphia handwriting intervention, with deliberate practice opportunities throughout the day. Participants will gain practical knowledge and resources to support with:

- Assessment of handwriting
- Delivering handwriting intervention
- Monitoring pupil progress with handwriting

Session 3: Secondary Literacy Leaders

In this final, shorter session, Secondary Literacy Leaders will explore:

- Pupil progress in handwriting in their school
- How to monitor and demonstrate progress in handwriting
- How to sustain strong foundations in handwriting long-term across the whole-school

Session 1 Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 9am – 3pm

Session 2 Tuesday 1st December 2026, 9am – 3pm

Session 3 Monday 1st February 2027, 9am – 12pm

Venue: L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub,
Lincoln LN6 3QR

Cost: £180

**includes a scheme to implement within the setting*



Quality of Education / Teaching and Learning Secondary Assistant Headteacher Network

Intended Impact of the Programme

- **Keep leaders up to date** with the latest national and regional developments, including policy updates, Ofsted changes, and emerging **research-informed pedagogy** that supports high-quality teaching and learning.
- **Provide ongoing, responsive support** for school-specific curriculum and assessment challenges, including preparation for the forthcoming **curriculum and assessment review report**, enabling leaders to adapt provision with confidence.
- **Facilitate professional dialogue and collaboration**, creating structured opportunities to **share effective practice**, engage in reflective discussion, and strengthen strategic leadership within and across schools.
- **Strengthen leadership of Quality of Education**, supporting leaders to translate evidence-informed approaches into consistent, high-impact classroom practice.
- **Align local practice with regional priorities**, ensuring that school-level developments contribute to and are informed by the **Lincolnshire regional improvement plan**, thereby **driving collective improvement across the system**.
- **Promote system-wide coherence and collaboration**, encouraging leaders to work beyond their own settings to support **regional capacity-building and school-to-school support**.
- **Embed a focus on inclusion and equity**, ensuring that curriculum and teaching approaches effectively meet the needs of **disadvantaged and vulnerable learners**.

Overview of the Programme Content and Sessions

Session 1

Whole school Literacy

Ways of developing oracy, extended writing and vocabulary across the curriculum

Session 2

Teaching Sprints

Using pedagogical groups to drive whole school change based on research

Session 3

Feedback and assessment

Creating student feedback which is manageable, targeted, actionable and a mandatory part of the learning process

Extra suggestions for session:

- **Creating a sense of belonging across the curriculum:** Ideas for expanding teaching to reflect the full spectrum of human experiences, cultures, and historical narratives
- **KS2/3 Transition:** Levelling up the curriculum – Ideas for reducing the dip in Years 7 and 8.

Aimed at: • Senior Leaders with responsibility for the quality of education/ T&L

Session 1 Thursday 15th October 2026

Session 2 Wednesday 10th March 2027

Session 3 Wednesday 23rd June 2027

3.45pm – 5pm

Venue: L.E.A.D. Teaching School Hub,
Lincoln LN6 3QR

Cost: FREE





This month's opportunity for professional development

Click on your chosen programme below to book



Monday 28th September

**Active Trained Schools:
New Staff to Active
English Training**



Tuesday 29th September

**Active English
Open Morning**



**Wednesday 30th
September**

**Checking for
Understanding**



Wednesday 30th Sept

**Sharing Practice
- Inclusion in the
Mainstream**

The Marton Academy



Tuesday 6th October

**Subject Leader Group:
Primary PSHE**



Tuesday 6th October

**Active Spelling
Open Morning**



Tuesday 6th October

**Leading the Early Years
in the Current Climate**



Tuesday 6th October

**Subject Leader Group:
Primary Computing**



Thursday 8th October

**Subject Leader Group:
Primary History**



Thursday 8th October

**Sharing Practice -
Learning beyond the
curriculum**

Branston Infant Academy



Tuesday 13th October

**Subject Leader Group:
Primary Geography**



Tuesday 13th October

**Sharing Practice -
Leadership**

St Peter at Gowts



Wednesday 14th Oct

**Sharing Practice -
Active Playgrounds**

Barrowby



Thursday 15th October

**Quality of Education -
Teaching and Learning
Secondary AHT Network**



Thursday 15th October

**Sharing Practice -
Inclusion in the
Mainstream**

Grimoldby



Thursday 15th October

Sharing Practice

Ling Moor



Wednesday 21st October
Sharing Practice - Leadership
St Thomas'



Tuesday 3rd November
Securing Strong Foundations in Secondary Handwriting



Tuesday 3rd November
Sharing Practice - Leadership
Ling Moor



Wednesday 4th November
Subject Leader Group: Primary English



Wednesday 4th November
Deputy / Assistant Headship



Wednesday 4th November
Sharing Practice - Adaptive Teaching
Branston Infant Academy



Thursday 5th November
Subject Leader Group: Primary Science



Friday 6th November
New to Headship / Early Headship



Friday 6th November
Understanding and Reducing Challenging Behaviour & L2 Positive Handling



Tuesday 10th November
Subject Leader Group: Primary DT



Tuesday 10th November
Subject Leader Group: Primary Languages



Tuesday 10th November
Active English Open Morning



Wednesday 11th November
Using FFT Estimates for Effective Target Setting in the Primary Phase



Wednesday 11th Nov
Sharing Practice - Inclusion
Barrowby



Wednesday 11th Nov
Sharing Practice - Leadership
Denton



Thursday 12th November
Sharing Practice - Inclusion in the Mainstream
Benjamin Adlard



Friday 13th November
Lincolnshire Leadership Conference



Monday 16th November
Subject Leader Group: Primary PE



Tuesday 17th November
Subject Leader Group:
Primary Maths



Tuesday 17th November
Active Spelling
Open Morning



Tuesday 17th November
Teaching Grammar in
Context



Wednesday 18th Nov
Sharing Practice -
Reading Post Phonics
 Alford Primary School



Wednesday 18th Nov
Sharing Practice -
Writing
 Church Lane



Wednesday 18th Nov
Sharing Practice -
Adaptive Teaching
 St Thomas'



Friday 20th November
Leading AI with Clarity
and Purpose



Monday 23rd November
Making Sense of School
Data - Primary Schools



Tuesday 24th November
Sharing Practice -
 St Nicholas



Wednesday 25th
November
Subject Leader Group:
Primary Art & Design



Friday 26th November
Unlock the Power of
Handwriting Instruction
in Your Classroom -
Primary



Monday 30th November
Secondary Maths Subject
Leader Group

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