

Guide to tutoring for schools

2022 to 2023 academic year



The National Tutoring Programme

The **National Tutoring Programme (NTP)** launched in November 2020 to provide additional, targeted support for pupils whose education has been most disrupted by the pandemic.

We have listened to feedback from school leaders and stakeholders and simplified NTP for the 2022 to 2023 academic year. The refreshed programme provides schools with the freedom to decide how best to provide targeted academic support to their pupils.

Schools now receive **tutoring funding as one grant** and each tuition route has the same 60% subsidy. Schools have the flexibility to design a tutoring offer that best meets the needs of their pupils, using one or more of the following approaches:



Tuition partners



Academic mentors



School-led tutoring



How much funding will my school receive?

Schools will receive a tutoring grant payment at the beginning of each term. Your funding allocation is based on the number of pupils eligible for pupil premium in your school and can be used to subsidise 60% of your school's tuition spend.

To find out how much funding your school will receive, [view your school's allocation on GOV.UK](#).

How does the funding and subsidy work?

The tutoring grant is a subsidy to reduce the overall cost of tutoring to the school by 60%. To use this grant, schools are required to pay 40% of the cost of tuition through other funding sources, including pupil premium or other core school budgets.

NTP funding can be used to pay for 60% of the total cost incurred by your school to deliver tutoring. To ensure the cost of tutoring is not excessive, a maximum hourly per-pupil rate will apply to all NTP tutoring you provide.

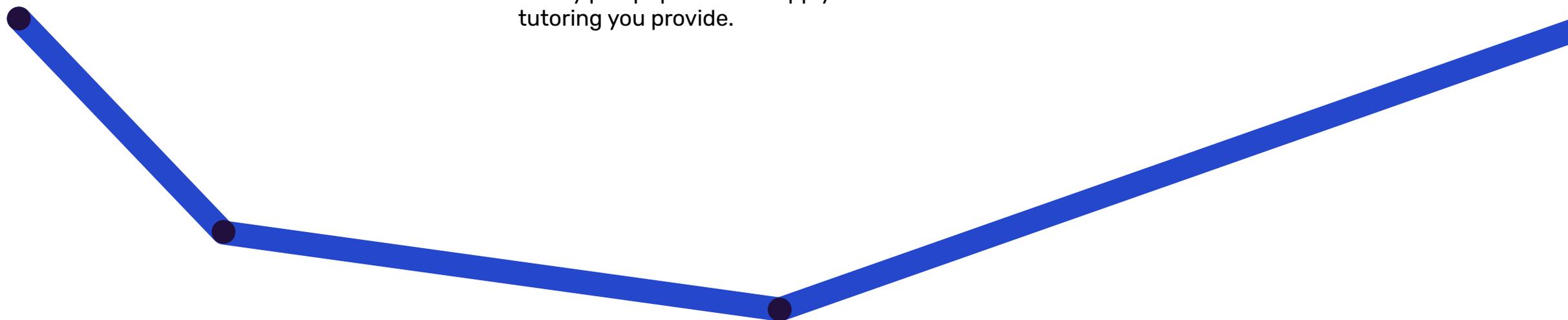
The maximum hourly per pupil rates are:



mainstream schools:
£18 of which the DfE subsidy will be £10.80 (60%)



non-mainstream schools:
£47 of which the DfE subsidy will be £28.20 (60%)



Which pupils should receive tutoring?

Schools should prioritise pupils eligible for pupil premium, in line with the programme's objective of supporting disadvantaged pupils. Schools can also offer tutoring to other pupils and are best placed to identify those who may have fallen behind or need the most support.

Data submissions

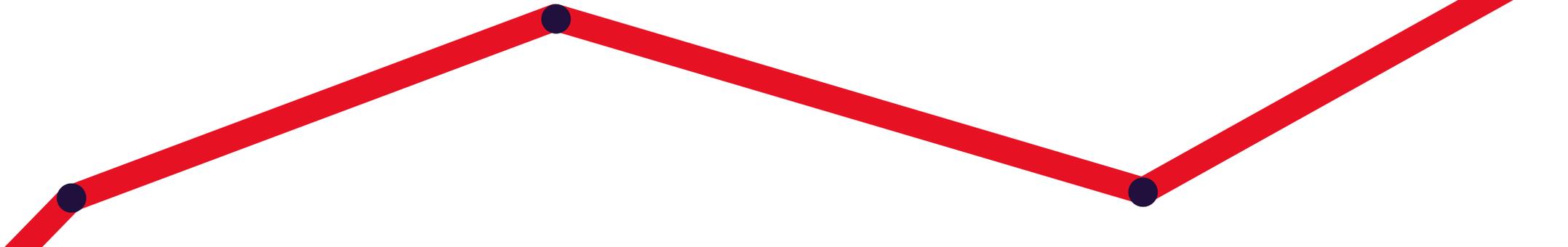
For the 2022 to 2023 academic year, schools are asked to submit information on tutoring via:

- the termly school census
- the Year-End Statement – this will be available from the Education and Skills Funding Agency in June 2023 and is mandatory to confirm how much of the tutoring grant was used

Keeping track of your tuition

Schools may choose the route, or combination of routes, that works best for their pupils. To keep an accurate record of tuition delivered within your school and to help you monitor the impact on pupils' attainment, you should record:

- the number of pupil premium-eligible pupils and the number of other pupils who have received tutoring
- how many hours of tutoring you have provided to pupil premium-eligible pupils and to other pupils
- whether tuition was delivered by an employee of the school (including a school-led tutor or academic mentor) or a tuition partner



Which routes are available?

Tuition partners



Tuition partners are **external tutoring organisations** that are quality assured by DfE.

They can provide tutors to deliver online or face-to-face tuition to pupils.

Schools can access tutors who specialise in supporting students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), English as an additional language (EAL) and those requiring subject-specific support.

You do not have to rely on your school's internal staff capacity to deliver tutoring – a dedicated tutor from a quality-assured tuition partner may be an appropriate alternative.

School-led tutoring



This offers flexibility for schools to use their own staff to provide tutoring.

You can use existing staff or staff newly engaged for this purpose, such as retired teachers, supply teachers or support staff.

This route may be appropriate for pupils with SEND, as you can use tutors who are already familiar with the children and their needs.

Headteachers can **nominate school staff** to complete free, comprehensive training with Education Development Trust to prepare them to deliver tutoring. This is mandatory for all school-led tutors, except those with qualified teacher status or those who completed NTP training in a previous year.

Academic mentors



High-quality academic mentors are **recruited and matched to your school** by our delivery partner, Cognition Education.

You will employ them to work as full-time, in-house staff members who provide intensive support to pupils who need it most.

If you have a high number of pupils eligible for pupil premium, an academic mentor could be employed to support a large number of pupils and work with your leadership team to help embed tutoring in your school.

Comprehensive training is provided to academic mentors by Education Development Trust before they join the school.

Tuition partners

Why choose a tuition partner?

- NTP tuition partners can offer subject-specific tutors and tutors who specialise in supporting students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and English as an additional language (EAL).
- Delivery can be tailored according to pupils' needs, for example a one-hour session per week for a full term, or more frequent sessions if appropriate.
- All NTP tuition partners must meet a set of quality and safeguarding standards. Quality assurance of tuition partners is managed by our delivery partner, Tribal.
- Tutoring can be delivered face-to-face or online which allows flexibility for schools and pupils.
- The tuition partner route allows schools to build partnerships with expert tutoring organisations.

How to access a tuition partner

Use the [Find a tuition partner service](#) to see which organisations offer tutors in your area – you can filter by location, key stage, subject and delivery method (online or face to face).

Search results will contain contact details for each tuition partner, so you can make arrangements with them directly.

“ We are currently using two tuition partners, and both have been great to work with... we have seen a decrease in the number of students that were identified as below target. This is a huge positive for the school, as there is some evidence to suggest that the tutoring has supported children in their behaviour and attitude towards learning. ”

Headteacher –
secondary school, Hillingdon

Academic mentors

Why choose an academic mentor?

- Academic mentors are salaried members of staff who work alongside your teachers to provide focused, small group tuition.
- Our delivery partner, Cognition Education, carefully selects academic mentors and matches them to schools based on skills and experience.
- Academic mentors undergo intensive training with Education Development Trust before being placed in a school. Training consists of various pathways that can be tailored to the skills and experience of each tutor.
- To spread the cost, you could share an academic mentor with another school in your academy trust or local area. This can extend the benefits of tutoring to a higher number of students in need of support.

How to apply for an academic mentor

All schools can [apply for an academic mentor](#). You can request specific skills or qualifications, such as a background in a particular subject.

“ Pupils reported that they are growing in confidence, they’re building their resilience and they’re really enjoying the sessions. They are able to see their own academic progress, but most importantly for us it’s improving their mental health and wellbeing. ”

Headteacher –
secondary school,
Manchester

School-led tutoring

Why choose school-led tutoring?

This route allows school leaders to fund tutoring delivered by existing school staff with the appropriate skills and experience.

- Certain pupils are likely to progress more quickly with a tutor who they are familiar and comfortable with.
- Teachers can use their existing knowledge of a pupil's abilities to tailor their tuition to meet the pupil's individual needs.
- Free training is available from Education Development Trust. Training content will vary according to the professional backgrounds of individual tutors, in recognition that staff hired as tutors will have different levels of experience working in a school setting.

“ NTP has been a fantastic opportunity to identify the specific academic needs of children and support them to boost progress. The small groups are extremely beneficial to all children involved and they have responded very well to tuition. There is a lot of freedom for schools to choose how they wish to access tuition, which is important as the needs of the children are different. ”

Headteacher –
primary school,
County Durham

School-led tutoring

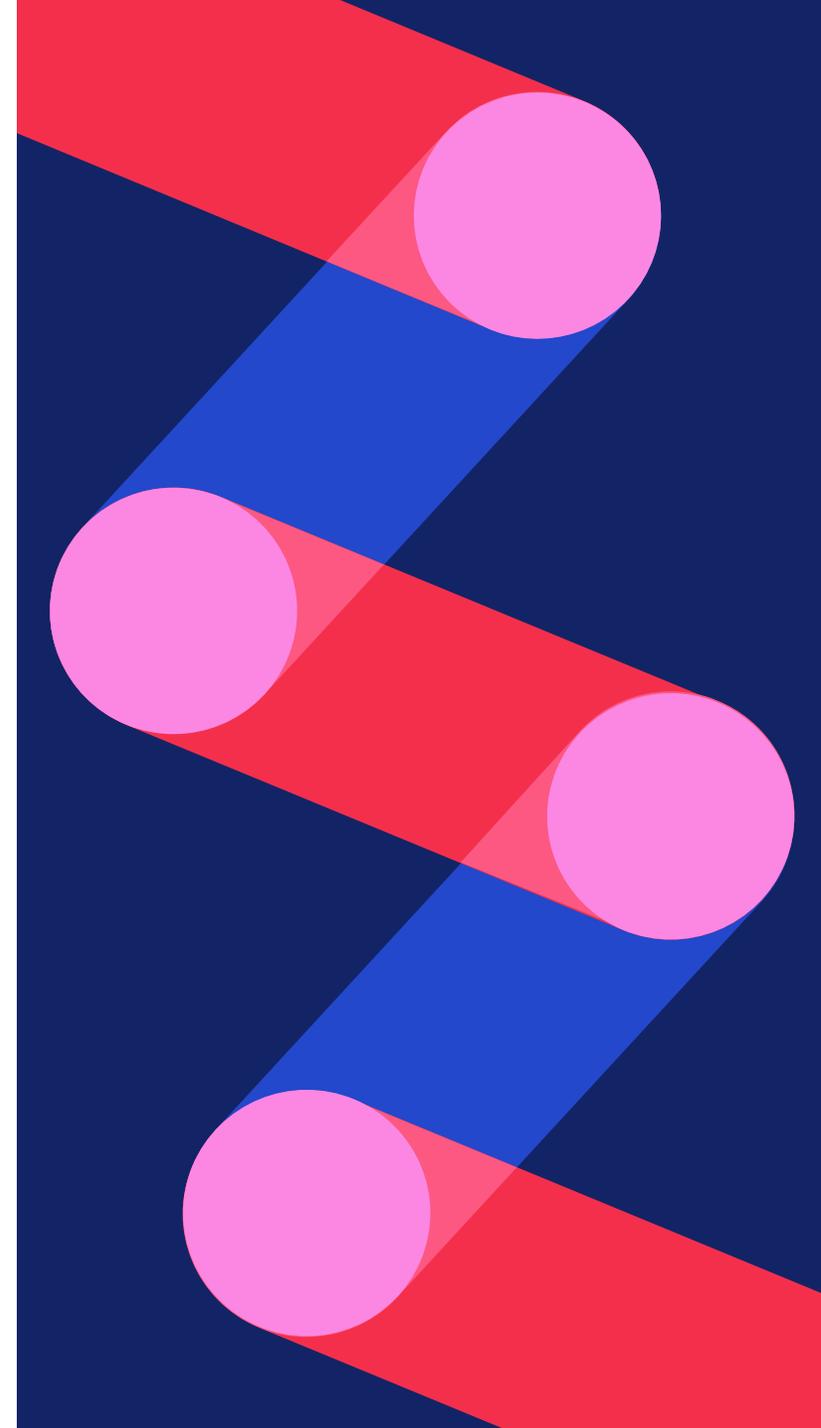
How to deliver school-led tutoring

This route offers flexibility for schools to identify their own tutors. These may be existing staff, such as classroom teachers or teaching assistants, or retired, supply or returning teachers.

If you are engaging new staff as tutors, you should make sure that all safer recruitment checks have been completed. It is the responsibility of schools to agree with tutors the terms of their employment.

Schools may use their NTP funding to cover the duties of internal staff released for tutoring, rather than the tutoring itself. However, it must not fund the same role twice or be used to fund any current salaried positions.

Headteachers can **nominate school staff** to complete free, comprehensive training with Education Development Trust to prepare them to deliver tutoring.



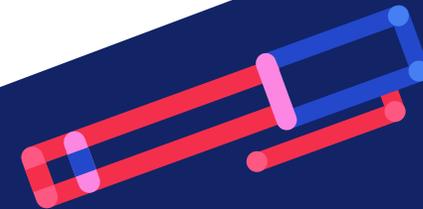
What training is available for tutors?

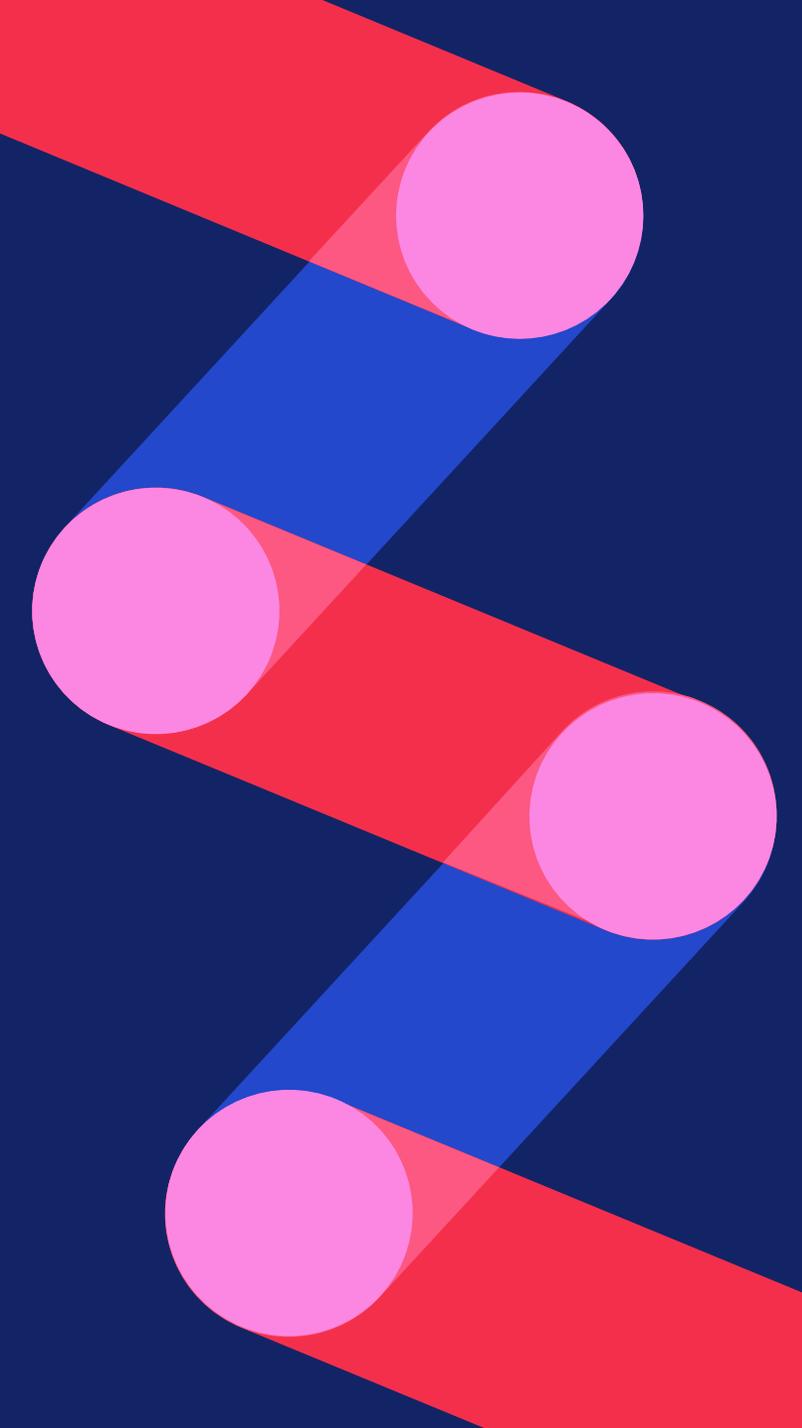
For academic mentors and school-led tutors, a high quality and comprehensive training package is provided by Education Development Trust.

Training content will vary according to the professional backgrounds of individual tutors. Examples of the units covered include tutoring implementation best practice, SEND overview and practical application, and subject specific study.

Training is mandatory for all academic mentors and school-led tutors without qualified teacher status, unless they completed NTP training in a previous year. Schools can nominate existing tutors for refresher training, if appropriate.

- Academic mentor training will take 14 hours or a maximum of 8 hours for those with qualified teacher status.
- School-led tutor training will take 14 hours and is optional for those with qualified teacher status.
- The tuition partner will make sure their tutors are prepared to deliver tutoring, should you choose this option.



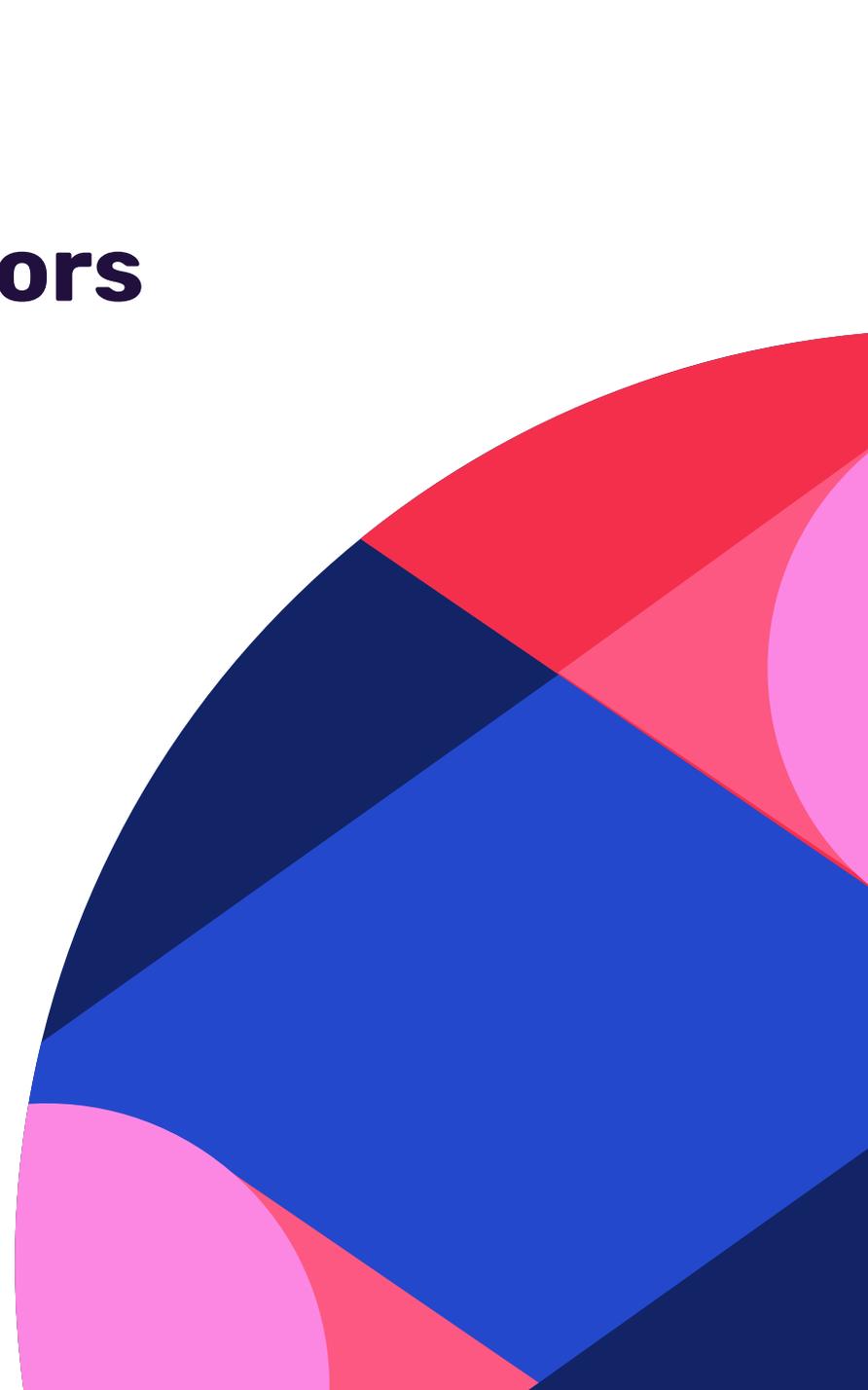


How to access training for tutors

Training is online and self-directed. To request training for staff delivering school-led tutoring, please complete the [training nomination form](#).

All academic mentors are registered for training on completion of the recruitment process.

Training is free for all NTP tutors, but NTP funding can only be used to subsidise tuition hours. It is at the discretion of the school to decide if they want tutors to complete training within school hours, but tutors should be compensated for any time spent training outside their core working hours.

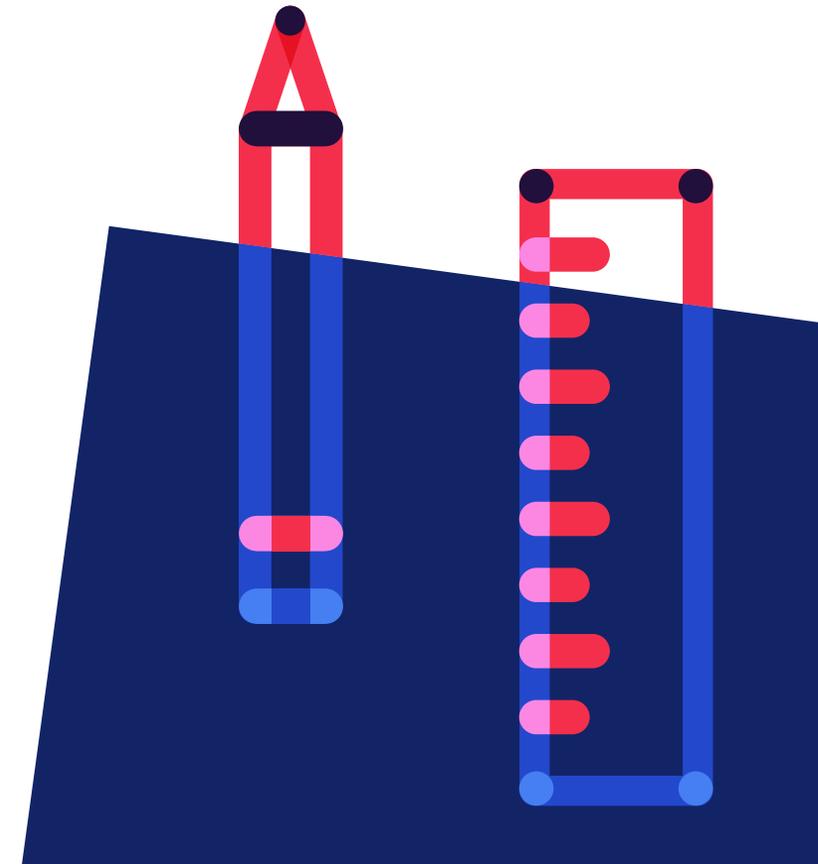


Continuing arrangements from the previous academic year

Schools can continue working with the same tuition partners used in the 2021 to 2022 academic year, provided they are listed on [Find a tuition partner](#). This confirms the organisation is quality assured by DfE.

If you would like a tutoring organisation to register as an NTP tuition partner so that you can continue to work with them, please advise the organisation to [contact our delivery partner, Tribal](#).

Schools with academic mentors as part of their staff can continue to employ them in the 2022 to 2023 academic year, with 60% of the cost subsidised by the [2022 to 2023 funding allocation](#).



Help and support

For detailed information on NTP, view the [2022 to 2023 guidance for schools on GOV.UK](#)

[Sign up to our tutoring newsletter](#) which is sent fortnightly in term time and includes reminders of important actions, updates on NTP guidance and success stories from schools using tutoring to support their pupils

[Find a tuition partner](#) from our list of quality-assured tutoring organisations

[Apply for an academic mentor](#) for your school from Cognition Education

[Nominate school staff for training](#) from Education Development Trust

Contact our dedicated support team if you have any queries about tutoring:

- email tutoring.support@service.education.gov.uk
- phone **0300 373 0891** (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm)

