



Working Together to Support Your Students

We hope this letter finds you in good health and coping well with the challenges of 2021!

You may have heard that your school has successfully enrolled on the National Tutoring Programme and pupils from your class have been selected to benefit from this initiative, so we wanted to make contact, introduce ourselves and work alongside you to make this initiative as effective and helpful as possible.

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) aims to support teachers and schools in providing a sustained response to the coronavirus pandemic and to provide a longer-term contribution to closing the attainment gap. Since the start of November 2020, when this initiative was launched, many new and exciting partnerships have been established between schools and the 32 Tuition Partners. The impact of our joint work is being carefully monitored and it is our hope that these evaluations will help further inform the ambitions we all share in aiming to support our students as effectively as possible.

To give you a little background, the NTP programme was designed and developed by a collaboration of five charities – the Education Endowment Foundation, Sutton Trust, Impetus, Nesta and Teach First – working in partnership with the Department for Education. Additional support has been generously provided by KPMG Foundation, Bain & Company, and Freshfields.

The 32 National Tuition Providers across England joined an innovative and ambitious partnership and it is great to be part of something so positive at such a challenging time.

We are delighted that Learning Academies has become your school's chosen NTP Tuition Partner! We are a tuition company that works closely with teachers across the East of England to raise attainment and to improve the confidence and wellbeing of students. We are not an 'agency' and we have an incredible team of qualified, experienced and talented tutors – each of whom has the ability to make a real difference. We are delighted to be working your school and with you as a class teacher.

To become one of England's 32 NTP Tuition Partners we had to meet a stringent set of quality, safeguarding and evaluation standards. The selection process means you can have confidence in our company and, by working together, we hope to make a real difference to the pupils selected from your class. We know, first-hand, that tuition is most effective, when a strong 'Triangle of Success' exists. This triangle, with the pupil at the centre, requires a strong and meaningful link between the Tuition Provider, school and home. When all three elements work collaboratively the impact is relevant and significant. So, we need your help!

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You will see from the attached Pupil Template Form that one or more children from your class have been selected to benefit from NTP. We are writing to you to request any attainment information you might have in regards to the children selected and to request up to 5 core group targets for those selected. We will have 15 hours with your pupils and we are only able to work on the one subject area that has been identified for them – you'll see the subject area listed in the pupil template. So, in order to make the most of the 15 hours, we need your thoughts on the group targets you'd most like us to address. You'll notice on the Pupil Template Form that children and young people are working in groups of 1:3 1:2 or 1:1. Where students are working in 2's or 3's they have been selected on the grounds of 'shared needs'. This doesn't mean we won't be working individually with each child, we will. It just means that the themes and areas of study will be the same for that group.

As part of this introduction, you'll have been sent a link (or QR code) to access a Pupil Target Form. On that form, we need you to share with us, up to 5 core targets that you'd like us to address for each group. There is also a space in which you are welcome to share additional information if you wish (you can expand that box as required). There is also a space for you to confirm if you have specific schemes/texts/materials that you would like us to use. We want to work in the way that best suits YOU as a class teacher. Our email address and phone number is given below, so you can contact us after submission of the Pupil Target Form at any time, or if you need help completing it!

Just press SUBMIT at the end of the form and it will be sent to us.

Thank you in advance.

We look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

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