

# NPQ in Leading Literacy (NPQLL)



All participants on our NPQ programmes will learn from *Teach First's* evidence-based curriculums, which draw on effective pedagogy, current research and international best practice, equipping delegates with the knowledge and skills to either improve in their current roles, or take the next step in their career.

## CORE BENEFITS...

- **Develop as a specialist in your role:** Gain an understanding of the core principles behind developing language, reading and writing, get practical tools and guidance to lead your school's approach to literacy, and collaborate with other leaders in similar roles.
- **Gain the skills for successful leadership:** Build the expertise to effectively develop others and lead a powerful whole school literacy strategy.
- **Learn to effectively support colleagues:** Develop the skills to help colleagues develop literacy across the curriculum – without creating unnecessary workload.
- **Free one-to-one support and coaching:** If you work in a school serving disadvantaged communities, you can apply for our free one-to-one support which runs alongside the NPQ in Leading Literacy (NPQLL). This free support comes in the form of an experienced former school leader who will coach and guide you throughout the programme.
- **Join a passionate network striving for educational equality:** Share experiences with other school leaders, learn how they've faced similar challenges and build a professional network that will support you throughout your career.

## THE PROGRAMME...

- **Is the NPQLL programme for me?** This programme is for teachers who have, or are aspiring to have, responsibilities for leading literacy across a school, year group, key stage or phase.
- **How does the NPQLL work?** This 12-month programme consists of a series of six modules based on [the DfE's Leading Literacy NPQ framework](#). Each module cycle features evidence-based online content, a short formative assessment task to support your learning and a face-to-face seminar with a group of peers, facilitated by a local serving school leader. You'll also take a module focused specifically on effective implementation. This provides an opportunity to plan a strategic improvement, focused on your context and pupils.
- **What will I learn?** You'll develop the knowledge, skills and expertise to lead effective approaches to developing literacy and supporting children's reading and writing at all stages. This will include leading and developing others to improve children's literacy. Our content is informed by the best and most recent evidence and developed with input from school leaders and subject matter experts.

- **What are the training commitments?** The programme is designed to fit around your teaching and other school commitments. Over the course of the whole programme (spread over three terms), you'll undertake approximately 55 hours of learning. This includes a combination of online seminars, online learning modules, two face-to-face conferences and a practical implementation cycle. During the Practical Implementation cycle, programme members will be required to put learning into practice and implement an improvement, or plan the implementation of an improvement. The allocation of learning time for this is five hours so any implementation focus should be feasible within the timeframe.
- **How will I be assessed?** The assessment process for all NPQs has been refreshed to reduce the workload burden on teachers while still providing an opportunity to apply their knowledge. To pass the programme, you'll need to engage with at least 90% of the course and pass one summative assessment. This assessment will take the form of a case study which is a minimum of 2,000 words in length and will cover content referred to in the relevant NPQ Content Framework. It will represent a likely situation to be faced by a teacher at the relevant NPQ qualification level or role and will offer you an opportunity to demonstrate that you can successfully apply your learning from the programme. You will have an eight-day window to provide a written response of a maximum of 1500 words for the case study (unless adjustments are required on an individual basis) in an 'open book' setting. You will receive the unseen case study question at the start of the eight-day window; and submit your response by midnight of the eighth day. At the start of your training, we'll also provide you with the dates of the Summative Assessment so you can plan for this with your school.
- **What is the cost of the programme?** All fees for state-funded schools are covered by DfE scholarships. Costs for schools outside the state system are available on [our website](#) and start at £840 for specialist NPQs.

## REGISTERING FOR THE PROGRAMME...

The application window for NPQLL will officially open on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022** however LSSW are happy to receive applications from now and you are welcome to complete the application process via the link below. **However, please ensure you have completed the attached guidance document prior to completing the application form - [LSSW NPQ Registration Form Autumn 2022](#)**