

Thinking of becoming an LLE

What is an LLE?

If you are a headteacher and want to work with other schools or academies to improve pupil outcomes, you might want to apply to be a Local Leader of Education. In addition to leading your own school, you would have a coaching and mentoring role with a headteacher whose school is in challenging circumstances. The goal of the LLE is to increase the leadership capacity of other schools to help raise standards. This is one part of the government's plan to give schools a central role in developing a self-improving and sustainable school-led system.

How to become an LLE

To become a Local Leader of Education, you and your school need to meet the following criteria:

- have at least 3 years of experience as a serving headteacher
- expect to remain at your current school for at least 2 years after being selected
- have accountability for one or more school(s)
- have the support of your school's governing body and local authority, or a senior educational professional
- demonstrate that you have sufficient experience providing support as a coach or mentor to another headteacher or senior member of staff at a school other than your own
- commit to time expectations

For you to be considered as a Local Leader of Education, your current school must:

- have an Ofsted rating of good or outstanding
- show consistently high levels of pupil performance or continued improvement over the last 3 years
- be above current minimum standards set by the government
- have experienced senior leaders with capacity to work with other schools

Time commitment

Successful applicants will be added to your local Teaching School Alliance, with placements being brokered by them. Individual placements can vary by intensity and length, but there must be an agreed end point, negotiated between the LLE, the recipient school or organisation, and the Teaching School Alliance. Typically, a placement would not be expected to take up more than six days over an academic year. You can transfer some of the contracted days to other members of staff in your own school. For example, your deputy headteacher could be asked to work with the partner school's deputy.

Funding Costs for the support of a Local Leader of Education are funded by whoever is asking for your time (eg a school, the local authority, or the Diocese). A proportion of the fees charged will be paid to your school. It is up to your school's governing body to decide whether you are rewarded financially for your work.

More Information

The DfE has a useful section on LLEs and the link is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-leaders-of-education-lle>