

NPQ Opportunities

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Applications are now open for the next cohort of NPQs

Specialist NPQs

- NPQ Leading Behaviour & Culture
- NPQ Leading Teaching
- NPQ Leading Teacher Development

12 month duration

Leadership NPQs

- NPQ Headship
- NPQ Senior Leader
- NPQ Early Years Leader
- NPQ for SENCOs

18 month duration

National Professional Development

- Excellence in Reception Teaching

NPQ Early Years Leader

The NPQEYL is now fully funded!

This provides a valuable opportunity to build greater consistency in knowledge, leadership capability, and strategic approach across your leadership team.

What are the benefits?

NPQEYL participants develop expertise in the knowledge, skills and concepts for leading an Early Years setting.

These include best practice around child development and additional and specialist educational needs, as well as culture, organisational management and partnerships you may make as the leader of an Early Years setting.



**APPLY
NOW**

To apply:

STEP 1: Complete this [application form](#)

STEP 2: Register with the DfE [HERE](#) - choose Teach First as your lead provider

Scholarship funding is available for the early years leadership NPQ for publicly funded early years settings and maintained nursery schools, including:

- private, voluntary, independent (PVI) settings
- Ofsted-registered early years childminders
- maintained nursery schools
- those working in publicly-funded early years educational settings

**Places are limited -
do not delay!**

Excellence in Reception Teaching



We are excited to share the launch of the DfE's new short course
National Professional Development: Excellence in Reception Teaching

We have partnered with Best Practice Network to deliver this programme across the region. For a detailed overview click [HERE](#).

The programme consists of about 20 hours of learning over two school terms, combining flexible self-study with live facilitated sessions that fit around busy school life. Delivery will consist of 2x two-hour online events; an induction session and impact review that bookend the programme.

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SECURE YOUR PLACE NOW!

Expressions of interest are now open via the BPN website [HERE](#).

We are able to take details from participants before the registration opens, and any information they submit will be transferred to an application when the registration window opens on the 6th July.

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