



**Subject Heading:**

**National Tutoring Programme (NTP)  
Grant 2022-23**

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**Eligibility to vote:**

**All School and Academy members**

### SUMMARY

This report provides information on the National Tutoring Programme Grant for the 2022-23 academic year and the clawback of School Led Tutoring Grant for the academic year 2021-22

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Schools Funding Forum notes the report

### REPORT DETAIL

#### **Background**

The National Tutoring Programme (NTP) provides primary and secondary schools with funding to spend on targeted academic support. On 31 March 2022, the Department for Education (DfE) announced plans to simplify the programme for the 2022-23 academic year. These plans involve providing £349 million of core tutoring funding directly to schools and giving them the freedom to decide how best to provide tutoring for their pupils.

The overall approach to the NTP in the 2022-23 academic year is to put schools in charge of designing and delivering a tutoring offer that suits the needs of their pupils. It is for schools to determine which pupils should receive tutoring. The DfE state that schools should prioritise their Pupil Premium cohort for tutoring, in line with the NTP's

objective of supporting disadvantaged pupils, but may also consider offering tuition to other pupils where appropriate.

### **Funding allocations for 2022-23 academic year**

For the 2022-23 academic year, funding allocations are calculated based on the number of Pupil Premium eligible pupils each school has. Allocations have been calculated based on 102% of Pupil Premium pupils. When the scheme was introduced last year funding was calculated based on 60% of Pupil Premium numbers and it was originally intended that funding for schools would continue to be based on 60% of numbers for 2022-23.

For the 2022-23 academic year mainstream pupils will receive a minimum of £162 per eligible pupil. This is calculated as 60% of £18.00, the notional hourly cost of a tutor, for a 15 hour course.  $£18.00 \times 60\% = £10.80$  per hour,  $£10.80 \times 15$  hours = £162.00. Non-mainstream schools will receive a minimum of £423, calculated as 60% of £47.00, the notional hourly cost of a tutor, for a 15 hour course.

NTP funding can be used to fund 60% of the total cost incurred by schools in delivering tutoring. 40% of the cost must be met from other sources. As an example, a school receiving £6,000 NTP funding will need to ensure that it has spent at least £10,000 on tutoring to avoid a clawback of funding.

Schools will also need to ensure they have funded at least the school's anticipated hours of tuition to avoid a clawback. Schools will be funded at a maximum of £10.80 per hour x the total number of tuition hours delivered. Where one tutor is working with three children that counts as three hours.

For all tutoring delivered in the 2022-23 academic year, schools must record the total cost incurred and the number of tutoring hours delivered, which they will be required to report to the DfE via a funding return in summer 2023.

### **Clawback of 2021-22 School Led Tutoring Grant**

The DfE has clawed back funding from a number of schools in Havering that were not expecting this to happen. This appears to be the case countrywide. Schools can no longer access their on-line submissions to check the entries they made. The DfE has stated that an email was sent to all schools where funding would be clawed back showing details of the year end statement submitted.

For LA maintained schools, the LA received a list of schools with the sums to be clawed back, but no further details. A request was made to the DfE to forward the calculations used. In response they cited the methodology used but have not sent the figures.

The guidance given on the School-led tutoring year end statement for 2021-22 includes the following:

*We use the data from the Year-End Statement to calculate the total amount of overpayment and, if necessary, recover this, where a school has:*

- *funded less than a school's anticipated hours of tuition*
- *delivered the expected hours of tuition below the £18 average*

*We will not recover any money if a school has:*

- delivered the expected hours of tuition at the average £18 rate*
- delivered above the expected hours of tuition below the average £18 rate, providing that the total funding allocation has been spent on tuition.*

*The ESFA calculates this overpayment by finding an average hourly cost using the total amount spent divided by the number of hours delivered. If this average is £18 per hour or above £18 per hour, we fund £13.50 for each hour delivered. If the average is below £18, in academic year 21-22 we only fund 75% of the average total cost up to a school's allocation. We calculate this by multiplying the average hourly cost by the total number of hours delivered.*

*For students/ education providers that receive the higher rate of funding of £47 per hour, the same calculation applies except for the amount that the department will fund, which is £32.25.*

A question on the clawback of School Led Tutoring Grant 2021-22 has been tabled for the termly DfE / LA liaison meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023.