
Schools & Families Programme

Frequently Asked Questions – Interested Schools

What are the aims of the Schools & Families Programme?

Schools work with National Numeracy for 1 year and the aims are:

1. To increase pupils'
 - a. Confidence with numbers
 - b. Positive feelings about maths
 - c. Awareness of the value of maths outside the classroom
2. To increase parents', carers' and school staff's confidence in supporting children with maths
3. To establish lasting approaches and strategies that will continue in schools beyond the end of the programme.

Which schools can apply?

We welcome applications from schools with primary-aged children from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. There are over 150 places available for the 2025-2026 academic year.

If the programme is oversubscribed, we will prioritise schools with above average levels of pupils eligible for free school meals.

How much does the programme cost?

There is no cost to schools to participate in the programme. It is fully funded.

However, if a school withdraws from the programme before the end date, then the school will be expected to pay for any resources and training they have received up to that date to cover National Numeracy's costs. The amount will depend on when a school withdraws.

What is the Numeracy Champions online training?

The initial training for the programme includes our online CPD-accredited Numeracy Champions training. It is available for up to three members of staff and will take place online, in June over 2 x 2-hours. There are multiple options for each session to give schools flexibility to allow up to three members of staff (including support staff) to attend. Anyone can participate, but the Maths Lead must attend.

Which year groups should use the Family Maths Toolkit activities?

The Family Maths Toolkit activities are available for Reception to Year 6. Schools do not have to use the activities with every year group or class. They may choose a whole school approach or limit the activities to certain year groups. This is the school's choice.

What are the Family Maths Toolkit scrapbooks?

National Numeracy will provide one Family Maths Toolkit scrapbook per participating pupil (as determined by the school). These are branded scrapbooks with blank pages for the Family Maths Toolkit activities to be stuck into and completed at home as a family.

Where can schools access the Family Maths Toolkit activities?

Schools will be able to directly access the activities through a dedicated resource hub as digital downloads. Schools are responsible for printing the activities themselves. To save on printing costs, National Numeracy recommend printing the activities in A5, in black and white where possible, and sending activities home fortnightly rather than weekly.

What are the time commitments for the programme?

Up to three members of staff attend the initial, online Numeracy Champions training in June for 2 x 2 hours.

The project lead (Maths Lead) is required to attend a termly 1-hour, online Forum to share the programme's progress and successes/challenges.

All school staff are invited to attend a termly 1-hour webinar from a guest speaker, on a range of subjects including maths anxiety, dyscalculia and financial well-being.

All dates and times are given to schools at the beginning of the programme to allow schools to plan to attend all events.

What else is required of schools?

Schools are required to deliver a 1-hour workshop to parents/carers called, 'Help Your Child Love Maths!' National Numeracy provide all training and resources to deliver the workshop, and it can be delivered at any point in the project year. This workshop can be delivered multiple times during the project year.

The project lead (Maths Lead) is required to complete a termly online survey to collect information about the school's activity in the programme.

National Numeracy will visit a sample of schools through the project year to gather additional information on the impact of the programme.

If you have any further questions, please email them to
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