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National Nurturing Schools Programme



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About the award

The National Nurturing School Programme is a two year journey for all schools aiming to support their pupils and stakeholders. Based on the six principles of nurture that have successfully underpinned nurture groups for over 40 years, this programme enables schools to develop and embed a nurturing culture that enhances stakeholder engagement. The programme has been developed by **THE NURTURE GROUP NETWORK**, the world's leading centre for nurture in education and awarding body of the Certificate in Theory and Practice of Nurture Groups, the nationally recognised qualification for running a nurture group in schools.

What is a nurturing school?

A nurturing school is a place where **pupils benefit** from an approach that supports children and young people with their specific needs, with the heart of the school focus being that learning is understood developmentally.

Parents benefit by being involved and welcomed in the school, in seeing the improvement in their children's learning, behaviour, confidence and attendance, with a better outcome for their children both in and out of the school and classroom.

Teachers benefit from having an opportunity to focus on their pupils' individuality whilst ensuring the best social, emotional and academic outcome. Teachers will also enable a culture where every stakeholder's voice counts.

Schools benefit from showing their commitment to developing an ethos and culture that is inclusive, supports everyone in and associated with the school.

Communities benefit from having a school that wants to be at the heart of the community and demonstrates its central role in children and young people's lives.

Why nurturing schools are needed?

There is a clear need for staff to take a new approach to teaching and apply the nurture principles throughout the whole school. From teacher to pupils, caretakers and parents.

The six principles of nurture – and their specific approach to teaching – allow for more effective learning. Nurturing principles are based on valuing not only the pupils but also staff and parents, and seeking to understand and respect them as unique individuals. Evidence has shown how focussing on the child's wellbeing maximises their academic potential.

How do we achieve the National Nurturing School Award?

This programme takes place over a two-year period with the initial two days providing **a member of the management team** and a member of staff, with training.

The initial two days provides the members of staff with an introduction to the programme and the opportunity to develop initial thoughts on how to plan the next steps to implement nurture ethos and culture throughout their whole school.

This is followed by specific follow-up tasks, a six month meeting after the initial training, with another full-day progress and application day one year after the induction programme. The school is then assessed against its performance targets within the Nurturing School Framework at the end of the two years.

What does it cost?

In terms of staff commitment, there is a need for a member of teaching staff and a member of the senior management team to attend the two-day induction programme and a follow-up day after twelve months. Access to the online Boxall Profile is included in the fee for the two-year qualifying period (*value £300*) and this will track the performance of pupils developmentally and diagnostically.

Also included in the fee is a copy of the Boxall Profile Handbook (*value £40*), and the Beyond the Boxall Profile strategies and resources guide (*value £20*) per person.

The National Nurturing School Programme manual together with framework, exercises, monitoring and submission cards, tracking and support notes are all included in the price.

The fee also includes the assessment, pass certificate.

£900
PLUS VAT

For **two** people
for the first year

£850
PLUS VAT

For the same
two people for
the second year

Additional consultancy

If you require additional consultancy sessions during your National Nurturing Schools Programme journey, we can provide a consultancy day.

How do I apply?

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THE **SIX** PRINCIPLES OF NURTURE

- ✧ Children's learning is understood developmentally
- ✧ The classroom offers a safe base
- ✧ The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
- ✧ Language is a vital means of communication
- ✧ All behaviour is communication
- ✧ The importance of transition in children's lives



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