

Teachers' pay policy



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School**

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1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Clearly explain how we will determine teachers' pay and clearly explain how decisions will be made based on the teacher's performance
- Set out a clear framework for pay and progression throughout the school

Adopting this policy will:

- Support the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers
- Enable us to recognise and reward teachers for their contribution to the school
- Ensure that pay decisions are made in a fair and transparent way

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is informed by the [School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document \(STPCD\)](#). It is based on the [model pay policy](#) created by the Department for Education (DfE).

As an independent school, we are free to determine our own approach to deciding teachers' pay. However, we believe in paying our teachers in line with their professional peers (in the maintained sector) and aspire to the same standards for the benefit of our students.

When implementing our pay policy, we will abide by:

- The [Employment Relations Act 1999](#), which establishes a number of statutory work rights
- The [Part-time Workers \(Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment\) Regulations 2000](#) and the [Fixed-Term Employees \(Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment\) Regulations 2002](#), which require us to ensure part-time and fixed-term workers are treated fairly
- The [Equality Act 2010](#), which requires schools to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not share it
- The [Seven Principles of Public Life](#), which require those conducting the procedures to be objective, open and accountable

Our procedures for addressing grievances in relation to pay are based on the Acas grievance [code of practice](#) and are set out in our staff grievance procedures.

Our procedures for assessing early career teachers' performance and progress comply with the DfE's statutory guidance on [Induction for Early Career Teachers \(England\)](#).

3. Definitions

- **Teacher** includes all staff qualified and appointed to teach at the school. This includes the leadership team and the headteacher, unless otherwise stated
- **Teaching and learning responsibility** is a payment awarded to a classroom teacher for undertaking a sustained additional responsibility, for the purpose of ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality teaching and learning and for which the teacher is made accountable
- **Main and senior pay ranges** are the ranges on which a classroom teacher's salary will be set
- **Unqualified teacher (Tutor/Instructor also) pay range** is the range on which an unqualified teacher's salary will be set
- **Leadership group** comprises the headteacher, deputy headteacher and assistant headteacher(s)

4. Roles and responsibilities

Line managers will make recommendations on a teacher's pay following the teacher's appraisal.

Final pay decisions are made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Proprietors and Chair of Governors.

5. How we will decide pay on appointment

The Headteacher will determine the pay range for a vacancy before advertising it. On appointment, it will determine the starting salary within that range to be offered to the successful candidate.

To determine the salary, the Headteacher will take into account a range of factors, including:

- The nature of the post
- The level of qualifications, skills and experience required
- Market conditions
- The wider school context

There is no assumption that a teacher will be paid at the same rate as they were being paid in a previous school.

5.1 Unqualified teachers

Unqualified teachers including Tutors/Instructors will be paid on the unqualified teacher pay range. Where an unqualified teacher gains qualified teacher status (QTS) while in post, they will be transferred to a salary on the main pay range for teachers, which will be equal to or higher than their previous unqualified teacher salary and any other payable allowances.

6. How we will decide on pay progression

6.1 Annual reviews

The governing board will ensure that each teacher's salary is reviewed annually between 1 September and 31 October, in alignment with our annual appraisal period.

Pay progression will be decided based on their performance during the previous appraisal period. The salary will be decided with reference to the appraisal reports and the pay recommendation they contain.

When making decisions, Proprietors and Headteacher will take into account:

- The performance of the teacher over the appraisal period, using evidence of their performance against their objectives and the Teachers' Standards collected throughout the appraisal period. Our

appraisal arrangements, including what evidence will support judgements, are set out in full in our appraisal policy

- The pay recommendation made in the teacher's appraisal report
- Advice from the senior leadership team
- Any changes to the responsibilities and expectations of the teacher's role
- The wider school context, including the budget

When deciding pay progression based on performance, we will consider:

- Relative level of performance
- The levels of performance that are required for progression to be awarded
- How progression will be differentiated

The decision can be 'no pay progression' without triggering the capability policy.

6.2 Mid-year reviews

Reviews may take place at other times of the year if an individual's role or job description changes. Changes include going part-time and taking on or removing additional roles and responsibilities.

A written statement will be given after any review and will give information about why it was made.

6.3 Early career teachers

Early career teachers (ECTs) starting their induction on or after 1 September 2021 are not subject to annual appraisal and pay review cycles during their induction period.

Decisions on ECTs' pay will be informed by the statutory induction process for ECTs.

ECTs may be awarded pay progression at the end of the first year of their induction period. However, annual progression is not automatic or guaranteed, and decisions regarding pay progression will be made based on:

- Evidence gathered during progress reviews and assessment periods
- Formal assessment reports

There is no statutory requirement to award ECTs pay progression on completing their induction. The decision on any pay progression will instead be made:

- With regard to the ECT's performance and their final review
- With due regard to the government's expectation that good classroom teachers should expect to reach the maximum of their pay range within 5 years of starting their career teaching

7. Moving to the senior pay range

7.1 Making applications

All qualified teachers can apply to be paid on the senior pay range, and any application will be assessed in line with this policy.

Applications can be made once a year. Applications can be submitted from the 1st June -30th September each academic year

Applications will be submitted in writing to the Headteacher and will be reviewed by line managers and a senior leader. All applications will be treated fairly and impartially.

When submitting an application, please include:

- Results of previous appraisals since commencing employment
- A statement and summary of evidence to demonstrate that you have met the assessment criteria

7.2 Assessment

In order to be eligible to be paid on the senior pay range, the headteacher and governing board must be satisfied that:

- The teacher is highly competent in all elements of the Teachers' Standards; and
- The teacher's achievements and contributions are substantial and sustained

For the purpose of this policy:

- **'Highly competent'** means:
Performance which is good enough to provide coaching, mentoring and advice to other teachers, and demonstrate to them effective teaching practice and how to make a wider contribution to the work of the school, in order to help them meet the relevant standards and develop their teaching practice
- **'Substantial'** means:
The teacher's contributions are of real importance, validity or value to the school; play a critical role in the life of the school; provide a role model for teaching and learning; make a distinctive contribution to the raising of pupil standards; take advantage of appropriate opportunities for professional development and use the outcomes effectively to improve pupils' learning
- **'Sustained'** means:
The teacher's contributions have been maintained over a long period

7.3 The decision

The assessment will be made and the applicant notified within 10 working days.

The decision will be made by the headteacher and governing board who will also determine where the teacher will be placed on the senior pay range. Considerations will include the nature of the post, the responsibilities it entails, and the qualifications and skills of the teacher.

If successful, applicants will move to the senior pay range from the 1st of the following month the decision is made.

If unsuccessful, feedback will be provided by line managers in a 1-to-1 meeting, within 15 working days of the decision notification. The line manager will set out why the application was unsuccessful, and provide advice on how the teacher can improve when making another application in the future.

Decisions will also be communicated in writing. Any appeals against decisions are covered by our staff grievance procedures.

8. Additional allowances

Additional allowances include:

- Teaching and learning responsibility (TLR) payments
- Where unqualified teachers take on a sustained additional responsibility or have qualifications and experiences which bring added value to the work being undertaken
- Where a teacher is 'acting up' and is assigned the duties of a school leader but is not appointed as a school leader
- Where a teacher is seconded

9. Leadership pay

The pay of those staff being appointed to the Senior Leadership team is determined by the Headteacher and governing board and reflects the role of the individual appointee.

Leadership pay will always be significantly higher than that of a Senior Teacher on a scale that has no end point / maximum.

10. Information to be included in pay statements

When pay is changed, teachers will receive a written statement confirming this as soon as possible and not later than 4 weeks after the decision.

The statement will be issued by the Headteacher.

For all teachers, statements will include:

- Payments or other financial benefits awarded
- Any safeguarded sums
- Information on where the teacher can access a copy of the school's staffing structure and pay policy

Statements for members of the leadership group and teachers paid as leading practitioners will also include:

- The basis on which the salary has been determined
- The criteria on which their salary will be reviewed in future

Statements for teachers appointed to the leadership group or paid as a leading practitioner for a fixed period or under a fixed-term contract will also include:

- The date that the fixed period or the contract will end, or the circumstances that will lead to the contract ending

Statements for classroom teachers or unqualified teachers who are paid and eligible for allowances as a qualified teacher will also include:

- The teacher's position within the pay ranges
- The nature and value of any allowance received
- The value of any teaching and learning responsibility (TLR) payment awarded and details of what it was awarded for
- Where a TLR was awarded to cover a teacher's absence, the end date, or the circumstances in which it will end
- For TLR3s, the letter should also include a statement that the payment will not be safeguarded

Statements for unqualified teachers will also include:

- The teacher's position within the unqualified teachers' pay range
- The value of any unqualified teacher's allowance awarded and the additional responsibility, qualifications or experience in respect of which the allowance was awarded

11. Appealing a decision on pay progression

Where any teacher feels that a decision made over their pay is unfair, they have the right to appeal.

Teachers should attempt to resolve the matter informally at first, by speaking to the Headteacher

If the teacher wishes to lodge a formal grievance, they should set out their reasons for appealing in a letter to the Headteacher within 10 working days of the pay statement being issued. Reasons may include:

- The pay policy was incorrectly applied
- The decision contravenes the terms and conditions the teacher is employed under
- The decision contravenes equality legislation
- Relevant evidence was not taken into account
- The decision was biased

The rest of the grievance procedure is set out in our staff grievance procedures, which is based on the [Acas Code of Practice](#) for addressing grievances.

If the appeal is upheld, the Headteacher will re-issue the pay statement with the correct information.

12. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed and approved annually by the Headteacher and full governing board.

The governing board will consider the outcomes and impact of the policy, including trends in progression across specific groups of teachers, to ensure it complies with equalities legislation.

13. Links with other policies

This policy links with our policies on:

- Staff grievance procedures
- Teacher appraisal
- Early career teacher (ECT) induction