



Department  
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# **Trust and School Improvement Offer 2023/24**

Trust partnerships - expectations  
for schools and trusts

Any trust partnership funded through the Trust and School Improvement offer in the 2023/24 academic year should -

- have clear objectives and expectations outlined in a service level agreement (SLA), signed by both parties. This should be based on the model agreement provided on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).
- be for a period of 12 months
- have a focus on school improvement activities and improve teaching and leadership.

A grant of £10,000 is available to fund the activities outlined in the SLA. This will be paid in two £5,000 payments as follows –

1. £5,000 up-front upon receipt of a signed grant offer letter which confirms that a signed SLA is in place between the school and trust
2. £5,000 at the end of the partnership upon receipt of a report from the trust detailing the activities undertaken and confirmation from the school of these activities.

A **grant offer letter** will be issued to the trust detailing these requirements and the grant assurance process. Assurance of grant spend will be required at the **end of the financial year** in which payments are made.

The trust and school should record all activities undertaken throughout the partnership, (including dates) in order to report on activity in the detail required for the final grant payment and grant assurance purposes.