



Overview

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering a **£1,200 grant** for a senior member of school or college staff to access quality assured training to implement an effective whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Are we eligible?

All state-funded schools and colleges in England are eligible to apply for the grant. Unfortunately, independent settings are not eligible, but can access our DfE assured training courses at their own expense.

The training can be for a headteacher, deputy headteacher, other member of the senior leadership team, or - if not a senior leader - an appropriate member of staff who is empowered to develop and oversee your setting's whole school or college approach to mental health and wellbeing.

What can the grant be spent on?

The grant can be used to cover or contribute to the cost of our DfE assured training courses, but any remainder can then be spent on other related activities, such as:

- supply cover, should a school or college need to backfill a senior lead while undertaking training and/or follow up activities.
- further training, activity or resources* that support the development of a senior mental health lead, and contributes to the implementation of an effective whole school/college approach to mental health and wellbeing in a setting.

*For example:

- additional courses - we have many relevant courses to offer, such as 'Improving Wellbeing for Teachers and Leaders' or 'Building Pupil Resilience';
- external support - we can provide in-school consultancy support to carry out a review of your existing school/college approach to promoting and supporting mental health;
- online resources and toolkits - our PSHE progression guide is available as a school-wide annual licence;
- other activities by the senior lead within their setting that focus on raising wider awareness and understanding of their whole school or college approach to better promote and support mental health (eg promotion materials or awareness sessions for education staff).



How do we apply?

Eligible settings must first complete the **online application form**. If at any point you are asked to join a waiting list, we would strongly advise you to join it. The DfE has advised us that they are giving priority to schools on the waiting list as new funding is released.

Please note that the DfE will be updating the messaging on the application system that incorrectly indicates no grants remain. **The DfE continues to accept grant applications for training commencing before 31 May 2022, and you will receive an email from the DfE confirming next steps.**

Once you have completed the application form and received confirmation of your submission, you should proceed to book one of our DfE assured training courses.

Please note that all bookings will be subject to our terms and conditions and must be paid at the time of booking - via credit card - or within 14 days of receiving our invoice.

So that the DfE can authorise your grant payment, you must then submit evidence of booking the course through a second online form. ***This is the final stage of the application and the department will contact you via email when you are able to access this form.***

When will we receive the grant?

Payment of the grant will be made to your setting following a review of the evidence submitted confirming that you have booked a DfE assured training course. If you are on a waiting list, payment of the grant may be delayed until the new funding is released.

Maintained schools and maintained alternative provision settings will receive payment via the local authority, whilst all other settings will receive payment directly.

Full conditions of the grant can be accessed on the gov.uk website by **clicking here**.