

one-to-one tuition

Newsletter January 2010

Happy New Year to all those staff involved in One to One Tuition. We hope you have a successful year.

Schools have made a good start to One to One Tuition, with half of schools starting tuition before Christmas and the majority ready to start in the New Year. Many thanks to all staff who have worked hard to get this initiative off the ground in school. The first deadline for submitting children to the One to One website ended on 4th December 2009. At that point data indicated that:

- 52 schools started tuition
- 426 pupils started tuition
- Most primaries targeted Year 6
- Most secondaries targeted Year 8/9
- 10% of pupils were FSM
- Under 10% of pupils were EAL
- Under 1% of pupils were Looked After Children.
- More girls were receiving maths tuition than boys
- More boys were receiving English tuition than girls

It is worth noting that vulnerable groups are not significantly represented in the data. Schools should ensure that pupils in vulnerable groups are considered for One to One Tuition, particularly those who are Looked After by the Local Authority. Evidence shows that these pupils make the most progress of any group when receiving One to One Tuition.

Schools should now continue to register pupils as they begin tuition. The next deadline for funding purposes is 5th March 2010. If any school has a problem with submitting pupils to the website please contact Richard Hanks or Bob Basley who will be happy to help resolve issues.

Funding for additional tuition places will also be organised for the summer term. The latest feedback from schools indicates that very limited funding will be available for re-allocation so criteria will be applied to applications from schools. A letter detailing the process will be sent to schools shortly.

There have been several induction and network sessions planned for tutors but take up has been very low resulting in sessions being cancelled. Regular fliers relating to training opportunities for tutors come into school and we would encourage schools to share these with tutors and encourage them to attend where possible.

An evaluation on One to One Tuition is being carried out by Steve Lloyd. A sample of schools has been contacted to discuss tuition and the impact it is having in school. This evaluation will be shared with schools as soon as it is available.

It should be noted that funding for One to One tuition is expected to double for 2010-11 and therefore schools should start thinking whether current models of tuition delivery are sustainable with increased numbers of pupils. Schools should plan for this well in advance to make sure tuition can begin early in the autumn term 2010.

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