



Welcome to the sixth Early Career Framework (ECTP) Bulletin of the academic year 2025/2026 from Vantage Teaching School Hub. The ECTP Bulletins are created to share relevant information regarding the ITT Early Career Framework Full Induction Programme with Induction Tutors, Mentors and Early Career Teachers (ECTs). We will circulate these Bulletins at the start of each new module in the Full Induction Programme Calendar.



The ECF Bulletins will begin with an introduction that is relevant to all cohorts and programme members. You will then be signposted to links that will take you to the sections of the Bulletin that are specific to the cohort to which you are a member of.



This particular Bulletin has a focus on providing you with relevant information to prepare for your Early Career Training programme from September 2026.

## You will find essential information regarding

- Maximising your funding for the ECF full Induction programme
- Changes to how new ECTs are registered with the DfE portal \*\*\* URGENT\*\*
- When and how to register new ECTS, Mentors and any mentor changes for 2026/2027
- Induction Tutor Webinars
- Plans for delivering live ECT training in 2026/2027
- Brightspace reminders

## Maximising your funding for the ECF full induction programme

Schools who are in the process of recruiting new ECTs for the academic year 2026/27 will be thinking about colleagues who are best placed to become ECT mentors for the period of statutory induction.

We do have a number of trained mentors now in place in schools across the region and schools may choose these teachers to become the mentor for new ECTs in their school.

Another option however, is to identify new mentors within your staff team that would appreciate the opportunity for professional development. Funding for the one-year course is still available to schools including if teachers have already completed ITT Mentor training with an ITT provider (excluding Teach First).

As a reminder, from September 2025, new ECF mentors will be trained over the course of one year not two years.

## Mentor training funding for September 2025 onwards

Grant funding for mentor training is available to schools and establishments that use DfE funded training providers to deliver training as part of the ECTE.

Mentors will be given up to 20 hours to carry out mentor training for one year. Schools will be funded to support the mentor to undertake the training.

This funding will be paid in arrears at the end of each academic year. Payments will be based on evidence that the mentor participated in the training, as confirmed by the lead provider.

Mentors can only do this training once. They can continue their training even if their ECT transfers school or withdraws part way through their ECTE.

## Urgent - Update to register and manage ECT service

The DfE have sent the below communication to all schools via the known Induction Tutor email address, to ensure that you understand the updates they are putting in place to registering new ECTs and mentors for the academic year 2026/27. Here is an example:

### Changes to the way schools register and manage early career teachers and mentors

Hello Andrea Tonks,

We're making changes to the way schools register and manage ECTs and mentors online with the DfE.

### What these changes mean for your school

Signing into the service is different.

You'll need a DfE Sign-in account to use the service.

DfE Sign-in is a single sign-on service that provides access to DfE services. Your school might already use it for other DfE services, and you might already have a DfE Sign-in account.

If you do not have a DfE Sign-in account, you can create one.

### How DfE Sign-in works

1. Schools need to appoint a DfE Sign-in approver. This person verifies the identity of users before giving access to services. The approver is often the headteacher or administrator.
2. Users who want access to DfE services need to create a DfE Sign-in account. They use their account to select their school and request access to services.

You can get help with DfE Sign-in.

### What you need to do now

You do not need to do anything now, although you can use the service to manage your existing ECTs and mentors.

Registration for the 2026-2027 academic year is not open yet. We'll send you an email when it opens. We expect this to be on 15 June 2026.

### Changes to the service

More than one school user can use the service

Your school's DfE Sign-in approver can give access to the register early career teachers service to multiple users.

### Lead provider training for ECTs and mentors

Lead providers can be selected for individual ECTs and mentors (if your school uses a provider-led training programme).

### Manage ECTs and mentors leaving schools

You can now tell us when an ECT or mentor has left your school and is not expected to return.

Regards,

Teacher Continuing Professional Development/Department for Education

## **Important - Are you anticipating recruiting any new Year 1 ECTs from September 2026 onwards?**

We would be grateful if Induction Tutors could let us know if you are anticipating any new ECTs from September so we can plan ahead accordingly. The September cohort can be on boarded onto the full induction programme with Vantage TSH and Teach First from 1 June 2026 until 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Schools who recruit any new ECTs within this time frame and who wish to on board with us, are invited to register on our website: [www.vantagegetsh.org](http://www.vantagegetsh.org)  
Our website has been updated to support schools with a step by step process to onboarding Y1 or Y2 ECTs onto our programmes.

There are 3 steps to complete when onboarding a new ECT:

1. Notify Vantage TSH via our website: [www.vantagegetsh.org](http://www.vantagegetsh.org)
2. Register your ECT/s with an Appropriate Body. Guidance on how to register with Vantage TSH Appropriate Body Service can be found on our website: [www.vantagegetsh.org](http://www.vantagegetsh.org)
3. Induction Tutors need to register the new ECT and Mentor using DFE sign in under the year 2026/27, when the DFE service opens on 15th June 2026 ([link here](#)).

The September starters will be invited to attend a face-to-face induction into Year 1 of the programme together in Autumn 2026. New mentors will also be invited to a separate induction event. The dates for these events are:

Mentor Induction into Y1 to the Full Induction Programme (for new Mentors).

- Tuesday 24th September 2026, 9.00am to 3.30pm at Hull KR, Preston Road Hull.

ECT Induction into Y1 of the Full Induction Programme (for new ECTs including April 2026).

- Monday 28th September 2026, 9.00am to 3.30pm at Hull KR, Preston Road, Hull.

OR

- Thursday 1st October 2026, 9.00am to 3.30pm at Lazaat Hotel, Woodhill Way, Cottingham

Once the onboarding process has been fully completed, we will send you a microsoft form to select your preferred date/venue from above.

If you need help with the DFE sign in or any of the other information covered above, then please let us know.

## Teacher Reference Number (TRNs)

As a reminder, if a Mentor or ECT needs to find their TRN, they can look this up on <https://find-a-lost-trn.education.gov.uk/start>. They can also find this on their payslip or pension statement.

## Year 2 Inductions

Updates have been put in the Year 1 September cohort Bulletin section regarding the upcoming induction into Year 2 of the programme. Please book any Year 1 ECTs onto their Year Induction via our website: [www.vantagegetsh.org.uk](http://www.vantagegetsh.org.uk)

## Induction Tutor Webinars

I will continue to offer termly webinars for Induction Tutors. This term we are offering a series of webinars as explained below to support Induction Tutors with managing the Early Career Framework and the statutory entitlements in their schools. Some of the webinars would also be useful for new mentors who are joining our programme as detailed below.

1. The first webinar is a briefing for any new Induction Tutors and also any new mentors who have onboarded with us in the Summer Term who are mentoring a Y1 ECT to support them in onboarding with us onto the ECF Full Induction Programme and understanding how the programme works. This is for schools who are new to our programme and will take place on [Thursday 4th June 2026, 4pm via zoom](#). This is advertised on our website but please do pass this information on and our email address if you have any colleagues who have not worked with us before - [teachingschoolhub@smchull.org](mailto:teachingschoolhub@smchull.org).
2. The second webinar is our Summer Term webinar and is open to all Induction Tutors (please note change to originally advertised date). Nicola Tennison, our Appropriate Body Lead will also be in attendance; we will give our normal updates and there will be opportunity for your feedback as well, This will take place on [Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 4pm via zoom](#). An email will be sent to all Induction Tutors with a link to attend this webinar.

3. The third webinar is for Induction Tutors, mentors and completed mentors who have ECTs moving into Year 2 of the new ECTP training with us for the first time. As you are aware, from September 2026, the Y2 training programme will align with the ITTECF and as such there are changes. The webinar will explain the structure, organisation and expectations for Mentors, ECTs and their schools during Year 2 of statutory induction. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026, 4pm via zoom**. An email will be sent to all Induction Tutors and current mentors with a link to attend this webinar.

### **Plans for delivering live ECF training in 2026/2027**

From September 2025, training for new teachers into the profession will be known as: Early Career Training Programme (ECTP) and will be based on the Initial Teacher Training and Early Career Framework (ITTECF). All National Providers (including Teach First) have updated their programmes As a result of the changes and continued positive feedback, we are pleased to outline our plans for the next academic year.

#### [Year 1 ECTs \(September 2026 cohort including April 2026 cohort\)](#)

ECT who are in their first year of statutory induction and enrolled on our full induction programme, are entitled to: a face to-face induction at the start of the year, two training seminars per Module (each half term) and an induction into Year 2 in July.

The delivery model for 2026/2027 will be:

<b>Year 1 ECTs - 2026/2027</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full day induction - face to face (9.00am start)</li> <li>• 1.5 hour Zoom Seminar</li> <li>• Half day face to face seminar (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• x 2 half day face to face seminars (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• x 2 half day face to face seminars (1.30pm start)</li> <li>• Full day induction - face to face (9am start)</li> </ul>

When schools onboard ECTs with us they will be allocated a training group for the seminars based on geography of schools. We will ensure that schools with multiple ECTs are spread across the groups to support with cover implications. ECTs can also request to move into a different group if needed for a training seminar as long as we are given prior notice. The timings of the seminars have also been designed to support with cover implications in schools.

[Year 1 new Mentors - 1 year programme \(September 2026 cohort including April 2026\)](#)

Mentors who have not yet completed Y1 Mentor training and are enrolled on our full induction programme, are entitled to: a face to face induction at the start of the year one training seminar per Module (each half term) .

The delivery model for 2026/2027 will be:

<b>Year 1 Mentors - 2026/2027</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full day induction - face to face (9am start)</li> <li>• 1.5 hr Zoom Seminar</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day face to face seminar ( 1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day face to face seminar (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>

When schools onboard new Mentors with us they will be allocated a training group for the seminars. We offer the option of a face to face training group or a zoom training group (this is for mentors who are challenged to travel). Mentors can also request to move to a different group if needed for a training seminar as long as we are given prior notice. The timings of the seminars have also been designed to support with cover implications in schools.

[Year 1 ECTs and Mentors \(January 2026 cohort\)](#)

This cohort will continue to access the seminars following the same delivery model as this academic year: ECTs who are in their first year of statutory induction and enrolled on our full induction programme are entitled to: an induction at the start of Y1 (in January 2026), two training seminars per Module (each half term) and an induction into Y2 in December 26.

<b>Year 1 ECTs January Cohort 2026 start</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• x 4 Zoom seminars (twilights)</li><li>• Half day induction into Y2 via Zoom</li></ul>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Half day seminar - face to face</li></ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Half day seminar - face to face</li></ul>
<b>Autumn 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Half day seminar - face to face</li></ul>

Mentors who have not yet completed Y1 Mentor training and are enrolled on our full induction programme, are entitled to: an induction at the start of Y1 (in January 2026) one to one training seminar per Module (each half term).

<b>Year 1 Mentors January Cohort 2026 start</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• x 1 Zoom seminars (twilights)</li><li>• Half day induction into Y2 via Zoom</li></ul>

Our January cohort of ECTs and Mentors are a smaller cohort of programme members. We allocate a Lead Facilitator for the ECTs who delivers the seminars via Zoom.

In January 2027, these programme members will join the Y2 programme and access the face to face seminars.

[Year 1 ECTs and Mentors \(January 2027 cohort\).](#)

This cohort will continue to access the seminars following the same delivery model as this academic year:

ECTs who are in their first year of statutory induction and enrolled on our full induction programme, are entitled to: an induction at the start of Y1 (in January 2027), two training seminar per Module (each half term) and an induction into Y2 in December 2027.

<b>Year 1 ECTs January Cohort 2027 start</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Half day induction into Y1 via Zoom</b></li><li>• <b>x 4 Zoom seminars (twilights)</b></li></ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>x 4 - Zoom seminars (twilights)</b></li></ul>
<b>Autumn 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>x 4 - Zoom seminars (twilights)</b></li><li>• <b>Half day induction into Y2 via Zoom</b></li></ul>

Mentors who have not yet completed Y1 Mentor training and are enrolled on our full induction programme are entitled to: an induction at the start of Y1 (in January 2027), one training seminar per Module (each half term). [This is a 1 year training programme.](#)

<b>Year 1 Mentors January Cohort 2027 start</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full day Induction Y1 face to face</li> <li>• 1.5hr Zoom seminar</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day face to face seminar (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day face to face seminar (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>

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[Year 2 ECTs \(September 2025 cohort including April 2025 cohort\)](#)

ECTs who are in their second year of statutory induction and enrolled on our full induction programme, are entitled to: an induction into Y2 at the end of Y1 (in July 2026), one training seminar per Development Cycle (each half term).

<b>Year 2 ECTs 2026/27</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Seminar</b>
<b>Summer 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day induction - face to face (1pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day seminar - face to face (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Spring 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day seminar - face to face (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>
<b>Summer 2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half day seminar - face to face (1.30pm start)</li> </ul>

## My Teach First and Brightspace

My Teach First is the home page that you log on to access the ECF or ECTP programme. The platform Brightspace is where all of the curriculum materials are housed and this is accessed once you log onto Teach First.

This term the DfE and Teach First are contacting programme members requesting that they complete an 'End Point' survey. The QR codes for ECTs and mentors to complete these are sent out to programme members and have been included in the cohort sections of this Bulletin. We strongly encourage ECTs and mentors to complete these surveys if possible.

If you are experiencing any issues with logging into Brightspace or the functionality of the platform, then our advice is for Induction Tutors to check that all information is correct on the DfE portal in the first instance. If any mistakes are found, once they have been rectified, this takes 10-14 working days to feed through to Teach First. From time to time we know that participants sometimes encounter problems. When this occurs, please use the 'Contact Us' function on the Homepage of My Teach First: <https://my.teachfirst.org.uk/contact-us> It is useful if a screenshot of the problem is also included with the form.

New programme members are encouraged to watch the short You Tube videos which support in navigating Brightspace correctly. These links have also been put in the Y1 September cohort section of the bulletin.

- [An overview of Brightspace as an ECT.](#)
- [Brightspace tips and tricks.](#)
- [How to complete your diagnostic activity as an ECT.](#)
  
- [An overview of Brightspace as Mentor.](#)
- [Brightspace tips and tricks.](#)
- [How to complete your diagnostic activity as Mentor.](#)

## Year 1 ECTs/ Mentors and Induction Tutors 2025/2026

(Including those who started their induction in April 2025).

Please follow the link here to open the section of the Bulletin that is specific to your cohort: [\(click here\)](#).

## Year 2 ECTs/ Mentors and Induction Tutors 2024/2025 (including January 2025 Cohort)

Please follow the link here to open the section of the Bulletin that is specific to your cohort [\(click here\)](#).

## Year 1 ECTs/Mentors and Induction Tutors January 2026 Cohort

Please follow the link here to open the section of the Bulletin that is specific to your cohort: [\(click here\)](#).

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Best Wishes

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