



Additional Support Offer for New Headteachers (ASO)

Overview for Participants

The Church of England's Additional Support Offer (ASO) provides a personalised learning journey for headteachers during their first two years in post, prioritising their wellbeing and personal development as a school leader and supporting them through local networks.

The ASO is for new headteachers, within the first two years of headship who have either already completed the NPQH or are now undertaking the revised NPQH.

Our ASO programme will:

ASSESS

your leadership knowledge and skills, through a headteacher-specific diagnostic tool

TAILOR

your learning journey to your specific needs, so you can make best use of the extensive research base

REFINE

a relevant area of school improvement through expert-led coaching

NETWORK

with both new and experienced headteachers to create communities of practice for the long term



“I can honestly say that everyday I use something I learnt on the training. It's invaluable and has helped shape me as a leader.”

CofE NPQH participant, 2020



Your Learning Experience

The Church of England ASO programme is designed to develop you as a leader in 3 key aspects, which we define as **CALLED, CONNECTED** and **COMMITTED**.

Drawing on these aspects of leadership, your learning experience with the Church of England will be defined by 6 interacting principles upon which we have built the entire programme.



#1 Teacher excellence at the heart of Leadership

Be inspired to place the art and craft of teaching at the heart of your vision for headship and secure the best outcomes for children through building a culture of teacher excellence effective classroom practice.



#2 Culture which shapes Leadership Practices

You set the culture and define it by your expectations, actions and decision-making, enabling your teams to secure the very best outcomes for every child. Putting your vision into practice is complex, but each unit will help you to bring this vision alive.



CALLED:

Defining self-identity and ambitious school vision for flourishing children and adults



COMMITTED:

Enacting purpose through evidence-led decision-making and actions



CONNECTED:

Developing together within an inter-dependent community of learners



#6 Social Justice and Serving the Common Good

Our Vision for Education for all schools is centred on the flourishing of children and adults through Educating for Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity. Leading excellence in teaching is the most effective way to enact social justice for any community.



#3 Creating and sustaining Communities of Practice

We flourish together not alone. Your training will embed you in vibrant professional networks, ensuring that your wisdom and wellbeing are strengthened by the community.



#5 Effective Role-Specific Application of Knowledge

The knowledge you gain will be applied effectively, specific to your role as a Headteacher, enabling you to deeply understand the evidence based teaching, and put your teaching into practice in new and unfamiliar contexts.



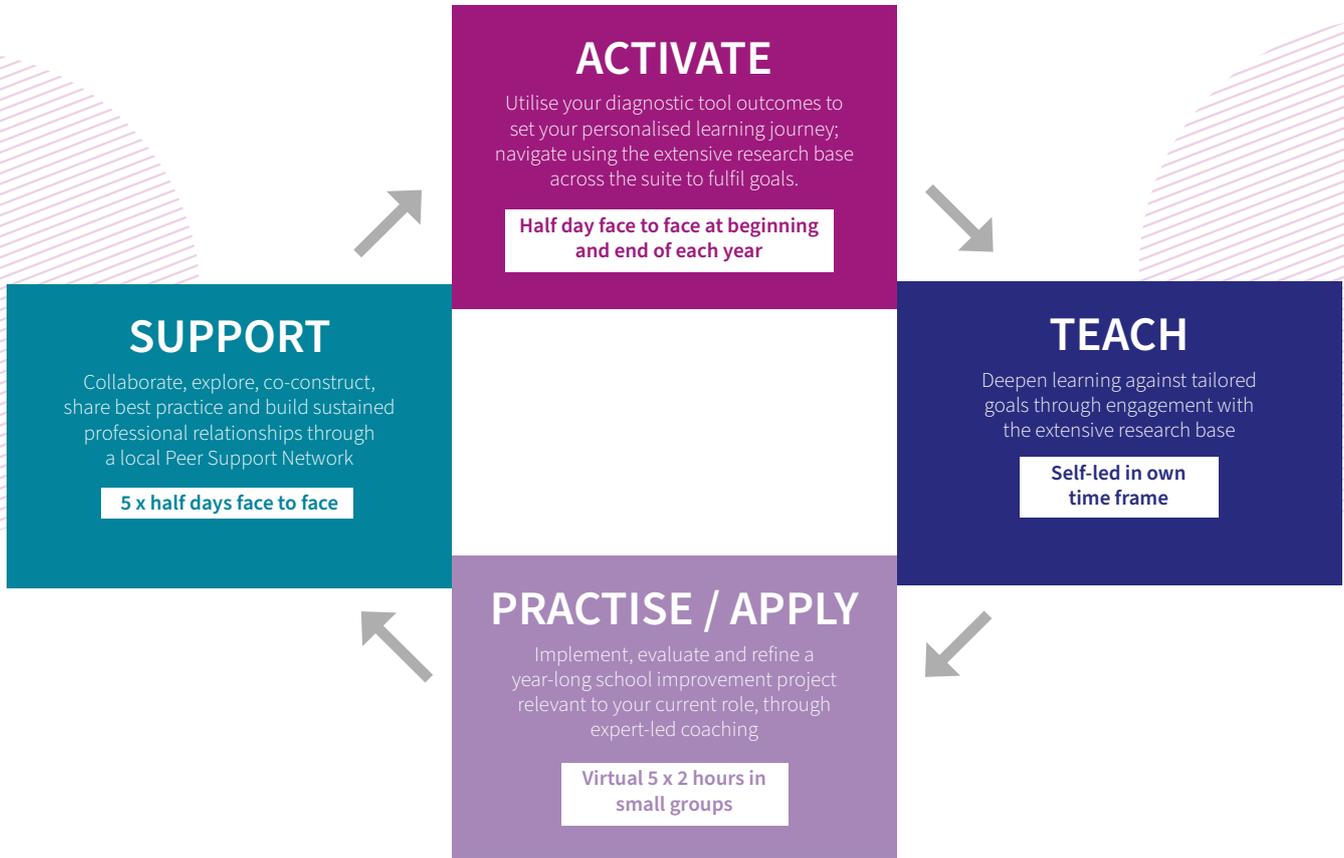
#4 An Expert Coach for Every Leader

Your expert coach will guide you through a significant proportion of the programme, enhancing your understanding of the research and supporting your practice of new skills.

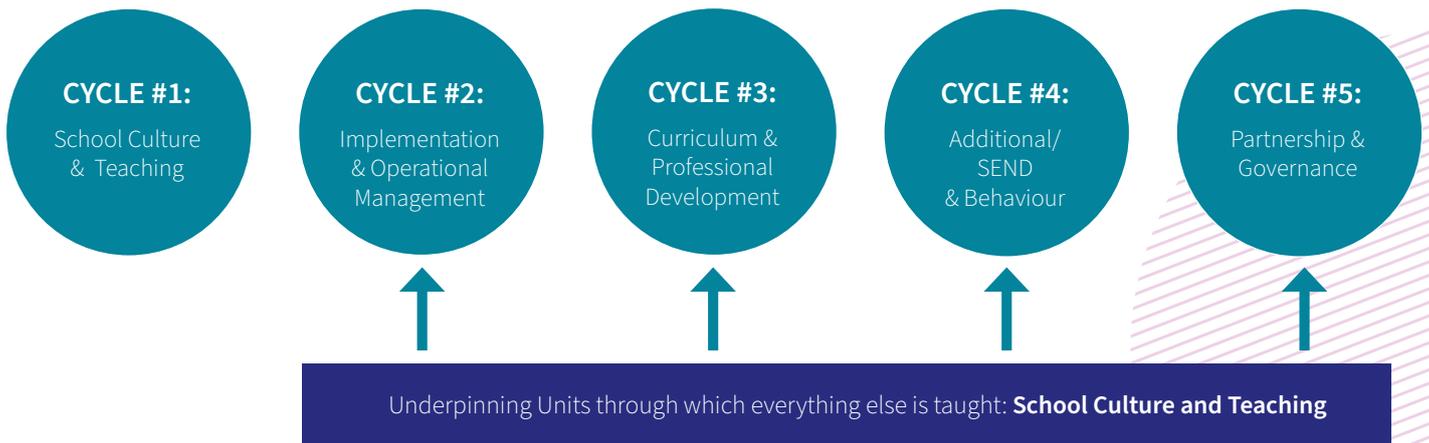
Your Learning Journey

Your ASO Learning Journey is based on the 4-stage learning cycle of the NPQH which offers a rich blend of online, asynchronous and face-to-face learning experiences.

The ASO covers 5 learning cycles over either 12 or 24 months. Through these learning cycles you will cover:



The course is based on the 10 units of the NPQH framework and will be delivered across 5 cycles of the learning model, as follows:



During the course of the Additional Support Offer, a new headteacher will have the opportunity to engage with: 2 half day sessions unpacking your diagnostic and individual learning goals, access to the research base, 10 hours of expert-led small-group coaching and 5 half day Peer Support Networks.

Course Leaders

Throughout the Additional Support Offer, you will be taught by Regional Facilitators who will enable you to contract and review your individual learning journeys. We have a line up of inspiring Guest Speakers who will share their expertise in their respective areas of work.

You will also be supported by an Expert Coach who you will meet regularly alongside a small group of peers. Our ASO Peer Support Networks build upon a model already used with over 1200 schools nationally, through the Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership.

Partners from the local Church of England and Catholic dioceses will share their domain-specific knowledge and experience of leading schools in these contexts through our Peer Support Network sessions.

All facilitators and coaches are experienced leaders working with the Church of England's Regional Delivery Partners. All coaches accredited by the Church of England (in partnership with Leadership Matters) and hold a Certificate in Evidence Informed Practice from the Chartered College of Teaching.

Department For Education Scholarship Funding

In addition to the reformed suite of NPQs, the department is introducing an additional support offer for new headteachers from autumn 2021. This is a targeted support package for teachers new to the role of headship.

You are eligible for this targeted support package if you meet the following criteria:

- Are in your first 24 months of headship
- Work in a state-funded school in England upon starting the training
- Have either completed an NPQH before taking up your first headship post or are currently taking the NPQH
- Have not withdrawn from the additional support programme previously

See www.cefel.org.uk/npq for latest information on eligibility.



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“That’s the value of networking - being able to look outside your own organisation for ideas and challenge.”

Network participant, 2020

How to apply

1. You will need to complete an online application form at www.cefel.org.uk/npq.
2. Your sponsor will then complete an endorsement form. Your sponsor should be your Trust CEO or Chair of Governors if you are a serving Headteacher, or your Headteacher if you are a senior leader.

Register your interest now on our website to ensure you get the latest information about completing your application

We host regular webinars to support you in your development and choosing the right programme.

Find out more: www.cefel.org.uk/npq