

SERVICE SPECIFICATION

School Improvement Service Improvement Partner Programme Academic Year 2023 - 2024

We will provide three half-day visits from an Improvement Partner, tailored to meet the needs of the school.

The focus and schedule of these visits will be agreed with the school's Improvement Partner. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Reviewing the quality of education
- Supporting the development of leadership and management at all levels
- Assisting with preparation for Ofsted inspections, including reviewing key documentation along with impact and progress evidence.

The school will receive a record of each visit, which can be part of your evidence of external challenge and validation.

The school can contact the Improvement Partner by phone or email to discuss specific school issues.

If they are newly associated with the school, the Improvement Partner will complete a half day familiarisation visit.

All Improvement Partners (IPs) will work with the Local Authority School Improvement Service to commission additional moderation, challenge, and support as required.



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IP/School Peer Review

There is also an option for schools to use one of their half-day visits to participate in an IP/School peer review with two other schools.

The IP/School Peer Review process enables school leaders to focus on a particular priority in their current school improvement plan. The review process provides external quality assurance from other school leaders, facilitated by an Improvement Partner.

The main purpose is to identify the impact of leaders' work and how this is evidenced within the school. It is different to an IP visit in that it does not focus on identifying what a school can do next, rather seeks to celebrate what a school has achieved as a result of their school improvement work.

Schools may choose similar or different aspects to focus on across the visits. This may be work in progress or work completed, and each review visit will be carried out in a spirit of collaboration and partnership.

As part of the peer review process, you will visit and peer review the two schools you are working with, and leaders from these schools will visit your school. An Improvement Partner will facilitate each of these visits.

Participation in the IP/School peer review will not incur any additional cost.

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