**Excellence in the Support of Early Career Teachers Award**

Open to any individual or team working within the Department for Education.

This award recognises the people and systems that support our beginning teachers to thrive. They embed a strong culture of collaboration, wellbeing and professional growth and provide practice focused mentoring opportunities for early career teachers to observe, connect with colleagues, analyse, and evaluate teaching practice. As a result, early career teachers are supported to develop their teaching, capture evidence of learning and measure their impact.

Respond to each criteria using no more than 250 words per criteria.

**Positive impact**

Provide evidence (including indicators of growth) of the systems, processes and practices you have established to develop early career teachers’ professional expertise and wellbeing.

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**Networked practice**

Describe how your work has influenced others and informed new ways of working at your site, across sites, or more broadly across the community.

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**Inspiring engagement**

Explain how you’ve effectively engaged with a variety of stakeholders to inform and enhance this practice.

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**Points to consider:**

* The response to each criteria in the nomination process has a 250 word limit. Make sure your answers are clear, concise, and written in plain English.
* Think about **1** good example and use the same example throughout each of the criteria, so that judges can see the focus on impact, sustainability and scalability of the initiative.
* The criteria is written in the first person however, if you are writing on behalf of an individual or team, consider it from their perspective.
* Judges may be unfamiliar with your area of work so avoid acronyms or relying on assumed knowledge. If you’re writing on behalf of someone, describe the context to give the judges a feel for the nominee/s.
* Ask a colleague or leader to read through your nomination before submitting.
* Once you have completed this, you will need to copy and paste this into your online application at [Public Education Awards (awardsplatform.com)](https://publiceducationawards.awardsplatform.com/).
* You will also need to provide additional information, such as, your site Leader and Education Director or Executive Director’s details for approval and endorsement.
* You will have the opportunity to attach 2 documents to support your nomination which may not exceed maximum 5MB. Please make sure that any critical information is addressed within the nomination and does not rely on the supporting documentation.