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Dear local authority attendance lead,

Thank you for your ongoing work with pupils, families, schools and trusts around the country to continue to drive attendance improvements. We hope that you had a restful break for the Christmas holidays.

I am writing to inform you that we will be launching our [RISE attendance and behaviour hubs programme](#) in the coming months. The hubs programme is intended to galvanize a community of practice: allowing schools to work together to share practice and insights. It is part of a broader programme of activity from DfE, alongside new data tools and [attendance baseline improvement expectations](#), to meet the urgent attendance challenge.

Last term, we appointed a number of lead schools, with strong practice, who will be shortly establishing new regional hubs around the country. We currently have an open [expression of interest form](#) for any schools that would like to be supported through the programme. **We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with any primary or secondary schools in your local authority who may be interested in participating, as soon as possible this year.** The EOI will close in February so we'd be grateful if you could share this opportunity in the coming fortnight.

There are two main pathways that partner schools can access:

1. Regional support for schools who want lighter touch support to help them make changes to their practice. Partner schools will have access to a structured attendance and behaviour CPD offer, opportunities to visit their lead school, and discuss and share practice with other schools in their hub.
2. Enhanced support for schools that want and need more concerted support to improve their school's attendance and behaviour. Partner schools will have access to 10 days of intensive leadership support over 3 terms supporting them to develop and implement an attendance and behaviour focussed action plan.

I have attached a list of lead schools that have been appointed for all regions for reference. This information is not yet in the public domain so would be grateful if you could keep it within your authority. I know that a number of you are also already in dialogue with our regional teams to support this initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and leadership of this issue.

Best wishes,

Simon Blake

Deputy Director, Attendance Division

Annex A: Schools appointed to lead RISE attendance and behaviour hubs

East of England

School name	Phase
Tennyson Road Primary School	Primary
Denbigh High School	Secondary
Bedford Free School	Secondary
Purford Green Primary School	Primary
Woods Loke Primary School	Primary
Southfield Primary Academy	Primary
The Eastwood Academy	Secondary
Chesterton Community College	Secondary
Ely College	Secondary

East Midlands

School name	Phase
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	Secondary
Charnwood College	Secondary
Granville Academy	Secondary
Sir Jonathan North Girls' College	Secondary
The Newark Academy	Secondary
Church Lane Primary School & Nursery	Primary
Sneinton St Stephen's CofE Primary School	Primary
Hollingwood Primary School	Primary
Keelby Primary School	Primary
St Mary C of E Primary Academy	Primary
Landau Forte College	Secondary

London

School name	Phase
Tidemill Academy	Primary
Charles Dickens Primary School	Primary
Forest Academy	Primary
St.Paul's Way School	All-through
Drayton Manor High School	Secondary
Riverside School	Secondary
Swanlea School	Secondary
Mulberry Shoreditch Academy	Secondary
St Edward's Church of England Academy	Secondary
Cumberland Community School	Secondary

North East

School name	Phase
Ashington Academy	Secondary
Croftway Academy	Primary
Hawthorn Primary School	Primary
St Bede's Catholic Academy	Primary
Dyke House Sports and Technology College	Secondary
Belmont Community School	Secondary
Macmillan Academy	Secondary
Caedmon Community Primary School	Primary

North West

School name	Phase
The Beacon Cof E Primary School	Primary
Wright Robinson College	Secondary
Dean Trust Ardwick	Secondary
Our Lady's RC High School	Secondary
Workington Academy	Secondary
Oasis Academy Harpur Mount	Primary
St Barnabas and St Paul's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School	Primary
Webster Primary School	Primary
Coop Academy Woodslee	Primary
Evelyn Street Primary Academy and Nursery	Primary
Archbishop Blanch CofE High School	Secondary

South East

School name	Phase
St Edmund's Catholic School	Secondary
The Langley Academy	Secondary
The Lord Grey Academy	Secondary
Worthing High	Secondary
Extra schools in the process of being appointed	

South West

School name	Phase
Wallscourt Farm Academy	Primary
Marine Academy Primary	Primary
St James School	Secondary
Glenmoor Academy	Secondary
Hazelwood Academy	Primary
Avonbourne Boys Academy & Avonbourne Girls Academy (joint)	Secondary
Somervale Secondary School	Secondary
Five Acres High School	Secondary
Lostwithiel School	Primary
Penrice Academy	Secondary
Cranbrook Education Campus	All-through

West Midlands

School name	Phase
E-Act Heartlands Academy	Secondary
E-Act North Birmingham Academy	Secondary
Shireland Collegiate Academy	Secondary
Moat Farm Junior School	Primary
The Khalsa Academy	Secondary
Ark St Alban's Academy	Secondary
Brookfields Primary School	Primary
Chadsmead Primary Academy	Primary
St Mary's Catholic Primary	Primary
St Thomas Cantilupe CofE Academy	Primary
Q3 Academy Langley	Secondary

Yorkshire & Humber

School name	Phase
Moor End Academy	Secondary
Dixons Trinity Academy and Dixons Kings Academy (joint)	Secondary
St John's CofE Primary School	Primary
Spring Grove Junior and Infant School	Primary
Carr Manor Community School	All-through
Royds Hall, A Share Academy	Secondary
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School	Primary
The Willows Academy	Primary
Edlington Victoria Academy	Primary
Horizon Community College	Secondary
The Laurel Academy	Secondary