

London South West Maths Hub

Local Leader of Mathematics (Reception) expression of Interest

London South West Maths Hub is seeking to recruit an experienced and highly effective Early Years school practitioner to join our community of Local Leaders of Mathematics (LLME). This is an exciting opportunity to work alongside schools across our region, supporting high-quality early mathematics provision and helping to improve outcomes for children, particularly those who need it most.

This document outlines the *Maths Hubs Best Start in Life* offer and explains how teachers and their schools can apply to be involved.

Background

London South West Maths Hub is one of 40 Department for Education-designated Maths Hubs working together in the national Maths Hub programme. led by two "Outstanding" schools, Chesterton Primary School and Belleville Primary School, our Hub has established a strong track record of high-quality school-to-school support.

Maths Hubs offer professional development opportunities for anyone involved in the teaching of maths, with the aim of driving school-wide change. All activity is led by local school-based teachers and leaders of maths who together form a professional learning community for local leaders of maths education (LLME).

London South West Maths Hub works together with all schools and colleges to support the continuous improvement of mathematics education for all pupils and students in Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth.

Context

The '[Giving every child the best start in life](#)' (2025) report makes a powerful case that early education is crucial to tackling disadvantage and raising national educational standards. It identifies a persistent problem: too many children start school without the foundational language, numeracy and social-emotional skills needed to thrive. The government's mission – to ensure that at least 75% of children achieve a 'good level of development' by the end of Reception by 2028 – positions early mathematics as a key indicator of school readiness and later academic success.

Maths Hubs support teachers in Reception to deepen their understanding of early mathematics – how young children build number sense, spatial reasoning, and problem solving through intentional teaching, small-group work, play and routines - by providing teacher professional development programmes.

London South West Maths Hub is looking to recruit local expert Reception teachers to lead Reception professional development activity. Ideally, applicants will hold the [NCEM PD Lead accreditation](#), but if not participation in this programme could be considered concurrently or for the future.

The Role

We are seeking to recruit skilled and committed teachers, with recent experience in Reception, to lead one of our new Reception professional development programmes. LLME are seconded from their home school, with the full support of their headteacher, to work alongside schools supported by the London South West Maths Hub. The two programmes that we are seeking LLME for are:

- Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics (Reception)* - a brand new programme for 2026-27!
- Mastering Number at Reception and KS1* - updated for September to meet the entire Reception curriculum!

Schools will be reimbursed for release time (detail tbc dependant on programme allocation*).

Time commitment and expectations

LLME are seconded from their home school for the appropriate number of days for the Work Group/programme activity* to engage in:

- Planning, preparation and evaluation
- Delivering content to participants
- LLME support time (national/central workshops and local LLME Community events)

Home school headteachers are expected to:

- ensure the mutually agreed release time is provided for the LLME role

Maths Hub support

National materials and workshops are provided for the programme delivery - including structured content and resources.

*Exact details of the programmes are yet to be published. Please contact info@londonsouthwestmathshub.co.uk if you would like to know more in the meantime.

Express an interest

Interested teachers, in conjunction with their headteacher, should complete this [Expression of Interest form](#), and the Maths Hub will be in contact to arrange a follow up discussion.

Timeline

Ideally, Local Leaders of Maths Education Leads are recruited before the summer half term, ready to be allocated 2026-27 Maths Hub activity in June 2026. All activity is planned to suit school and hub availability, need and capacity.