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Portswood Primary School has selected to provide high-quality professional development to teachers and leaders across two teaching school hub regions.

Portswood Primary School has selected to become the teaching school hub across Southampton, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester.

Teachers across the country will benefit from vital developmental support and expert advice, allowing them to improve a broad range of vital teaching skills, under plans announced by the Department for Education today.

The teaching workforce will get best-practice and expert advice on how best to engage with pupils, lesson planning, and classroom management, as the teaching school hubs programme is rolled out across the country.

Portswood Primary School is one of the 81 schools in England selected to be designated as a new teaching school hubs.

The teaching school programme was announced in 2019 and was followed by a procurement to successfully appoint six test and learn hubs (appointed in [January 2020](#)).

The 81 new hubs will be rolled out in addition to those six existing test & learn TSH, meaning there will be nationwide coverage for the first time, and that every school in England will now have access to a local centre of excellence for teacher training.

81 hubs will be added in all corners of the country to provide high-quality professional development to teachers and leaders at all stages of their career and play a key role in helping to build up trainee teachers as they enter the workforce. This will further level up the quality of teaching, allowing every child to receive a world-class start in life no matter where they are born.

Each hub, all of which will be operational and helping schools from this September, will have its own defined geographical patch and will be expected to be accessible to all schools within that area, serving on average around 250 schools each.

Roger Pope – Principal at Kingsbridge Academy & Chairman of NCTL

‘This is a tremendous programme that offers teachers world-class support along a clear career pathway. Having piloted the programme for a year, we have seen the enthusiastic response from schools and the positive difference the programme is making to teachers.’

Mark Beyer-Woodgate, Director of the Chafford Hundred Teaching School Hub, Essex

"The national roll-out is a great opportunity for system-level change to strengthen and simplify professional development at all stages of a teacher's career. As centres of excellence we pride ourselves on our ability to connect with others locally and collaborate at scale. We look forward to working together and offer our support to you on your journey."
Mark Beyer-Woodgate, Director of the Chafford Hundred Teaching School Hub, Essex
The new cohort of teaching schools hubs will be invited to attend a teaching school hub welcome event.

More information on Teaching School Hubs is available on gov.uk : [Teaching school hubs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/teaching-school-hubs)

More information on the Early Career Framework reforms is available on gov.uk: [Early career framework reforms: overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/early-career-framework-reforms)

More information on the National Professional Qualifications reforms is available on gov.uk: [National professional qualifications \(NPQs\) reforms - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/national-professional-qualifications-reforms)