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# English Hub Literacy Specialists Description of the Role

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Required for September 2019

Excellence-Sharing Opportunity

Part-time (1-year contract) – required for up to 24 days per academic year, plus additional mandatory training days

As a DfE designated English Hub, working with schools across South Yorkshire and Derbyshire, we currently require 5 experienced primary practitioners to support the development of early reading and phonics.

This is an exciting opportunity to undertake a strategic role which will provide individuals with the training and capacity to support improvements in early literacy across a wide range of schools.

Literacy Specialists will continue to be based in their own schools, whilst working with the Hub to offer intensive support to schools. All cover costs will be fully funded and paid to the employing school; not the individual.

You will support schools in implementing or improving all systematic synthetic phonics teaching, and will help schools to consider the habits that will build a strong teaching school.

The role will commence in September 2019, although successful applicants will need to be available to attend some initial, nationally delivered training prior to commencement of the role.

## Our Literacy Specialists will:

- have an excellent understanding of early language and reading development
- have a proven track record of providing high quality teaching and learning in Foundation Stage and/or KS1 (including systematic synthetic phonics)
- be passionate about instilling a love of reading in all children
- have experience of delivering effective school-to-school support
- have experience of strategic leadership and driving change in their educational setting

If you would like to find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Elizabeth Kenny, English Hub Strategic Lead at: [ekenny@learnersfirst.org](mailto:ekenny@learnersfirst.org)

If you are interested in becoming a Literacy Specialist and meet the essential criteria, then we would be very keen to hear from you. Please send your completed application form to: [teachingschool@learnersfirst.org](mailto:teachingschool@learnersfirst.org)

**Closing date for applications: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 12 noon**

## **The Role of the English Hub Literacy Specialist**

From September 2019, each Hub will be expected to have 5 Literacy Specialists who will deliver more intensive support to eligible schools. Literacy Specialists will be based in their own school, working regularly with the English Hub to offer intensive support to schools, with all cover costs fully funded by the Hub. Appointed Literacy Specialists will take part in a National Training Programme offered by the National Training Centre which is shortly to be announced.

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### **As Literacy Specialists, they will:**

- attend a number of training sessions delivered by the National Training Centre
- provide a programme of intensive support to eligible schools throughout the year
- continue to develop their own understanding and skills in teaching early language and literacy, with a particular focus on Systematic Synthetic Phonics
- contribute to further CPD opportunities offered to schools by the English Hub
- collaborate with the English Hub team and other Literacy Specialists

### **The expectations of participating teachers and their schools**

- The Head Teacher and Literacy Specialist commit to developing and embedding outstanding early language and literacy teaching across their school, supported by professional development activity, including the National Literacy Specialist training programme
- The Literacy Specialist commits to developing their understanding and practice related to early Literacy teaching
- The Literacy Specialist commits to all aspects of the role and the release time required, including training and providing the following support to partner schools:
  - providing an 'intensive' 6-day package of support to four schools (24 days)
  - participating in the National Literacy Specialist Training programme (10 days)
  - collaborating with the English Hub team and other Literacy Specialists
- The head teacher commits to support the Literacy Specialist, including:
  - helping the specialist develop and embed outstanding teaching of early language and literacy within the school
  - ensuring the teacher receives the required release time
- The Literacy Specialist and head teacher will provide any reports required by the English Hub and participate in any evaluation processes required