

Time for Phonics training guide

Online training and CPD offer

High-quality training is an essential part of an effective systematic, synthetic phonics programme and is key to ensuring it is effectively implemented with fidelity and consistency across a school or setting. Our comprehensive programme of training ensures continuous professional development of all those leading or delivering phonics teaching, assessing children's progress and supporting children who are at risk of falling behind the expected pace of the programme.

Staff presentation

This [Time for Phonics staff presentation](#) gives schools a quick overview of the Time for Phonics programme, and is ideal for a staff meeting, or to be used when deciding on a phonics programme. This contains most of the key information staff might need to know, and also contains frequently asked questions.

Time for Phonics programme manual

When you sign up, you will be signposted towards our comprehensive training manual, which covers the essential components of how to implement Time for Phonics successfully in your school.

Long term progression guide

Our long term progression guide shows you what is being covered throughout the year, to give you an overview of what should be taught and when. Time for Phonics is planned so that children start by learning the simplest GPCs and then move on to the more complex correspondences within phase 5. It covers all the main correspondences so that children become confident and effective readers. Children are introduced to the high frequency decodable and tricky words throughout the phases and are given the opportunity to consolidate learning at both the end and beginning of each phase. **The scheme progression provides pace and the chance to revisit, review, practise and apply knowledge.**

Getting started

NEW We provide one hour of live online training for all new school members, this will show staff how to implement the programme in their setting. This is included within the cost of the Time for Phonics school membership.

NEW on-demand phonics courses

All schools that subscribe to Time for Phonics receive instant access to an on-demand training offer to help get the most out of the membership. Teaching staff will be able to complete the training at a date and time to suit them, and can work through the modules either all in one go, or in smaller bursts. Teaching staff are also able to monitor their own progress through the modules in their account area, and there are quizzes at the end of each module which will help teachers self evaluate their training progress, and repeat any relevant lessons.

The online training is broken down into 2 modules, with each module comprising a number of lessons. The lessons contain a combination of written information and bite-sized videos, to better help teachers digest the learning.

Content covered includes (but is subject to change):

Module 1 - an introduction to phonics

In this module, you will be introduced to the essentials of phonics, to help you deliver effective lessons and help children make rapid progress in reading.

- What is phonics
- Why is phonics important?
- What are phonemes and graphemes?
- What is blending and segmenting and why is it important?
- What are digraphs and trigraphs?
- Adjacent consonants and consonant digraphs
- Common phonics terminology
- Phoneme pronunciation
- Tricky words, high frequency words and common exception words unravelled
- What is meant by 'alternative pronunciations for graphemes' and 'alternative spellings for phonemes'?
- What is Letters and Sounds?
- What is covered in phase 1?
- What is covered in phase 2?
- What is covered in phase 3?
- What is covered in phase 4?
- What is covered in phase 5?
- What makes a good phonics programme?
- Setting up your classroom (including grouping children)
- Must-have resources
- Guided reading guidance and suggested timetable.
- Phonics in provision
- Teaching phonics to older children
- Engaging parents with reading at home

Module 2 - Teaching with Time for Phonics

In this course, you will learn how to get the most out of your Time for Phonics membership, to help you deliver effective lessons and help children make rapid progress in reading.

- Programme philosophy
- Programme pedagogy
- The Time for Phonics programme at-a-glance
- How does Time for Phonics align with Letters and Sounds?
- Phonics good practice linked to the 2021 Reading Framework
- Pace and progression from phase 1 to phase 5 (and how it is linked to national expectations and milestones)
- What is covered in phase 1?
- What is covered in phase 2?
- What is covered in phase 3?
- What is covered in phase 4?
- What is covered in phase 5?
- How does Time for Phonics cover phase 6?
- How to organise and resource your classroom
- Time for Phonics and SEND
- How to successfully implement Time for Phonics in your school
- What is the delivery method within a teaching sequence?
- What's in each lesson?
- How to use the lesson presentations
- Accompanying phonics resources
- Our approach to writing
- Letter and digraph rhymes
- Unique decodable texts
- How to teach phase 5 weeks 10 to 21 (alternative spellings)
- Interactive phonics games
- How to undertake effective assessment + gap analysis
- Supporting the lowest 20% of pupils
- Phonics screening check
- Guided reading
- Remote learning
- Parents

Webinars

Time for Phonics also offers a series of free webinars designed to both give prospective schools an overview of the site, but also to offer free phonics training. Teaching staff can register for these events via [Eventbrite](#), with the events being hosted on Eventbrite/Zoom.

Past events can be watched on demand on our [training page](#).

| Name of event | Date |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Why is phase 1 so important for phonics learning? With Amy from Little Learners | Thursday 15th September 4pm |
| An overview of Time for Phonics | Thursday 29th September 8pm |
| Alternative pronunciation and alternative spellings debunked | Wednesday 5th October 4pm |
| An overview of Time for Phonics | Wednesday 12th October 4pm |
| How to teach blending and segmenting in phonics | Wednesday 19th October 4pm |
| An overview of Time for Phonics | Wednesday 2nd November 4pm |
| How to ace your role as phonics subject leader | Wednesday 15th November 4pm |
| An overview of Time for Phonics | Wednesday 30th November 4pm |

School INSET days - priced at £650 + VAT per day + travel expenses

(Possible coverage, to be agreed with each school to provide a bespoke training package).

Phonics subject leaders are asked to have each staff member complete the phonics knowledge audit in our subject leader toolkit, to enable us to identify what training would be the most effective use of time.

Suggestion for schools who require a TFP overview only

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Ongoing support packages

If required, we will undertake a survey to see where extra support is needed, and devise an ongoing training plan accordingly.

Time for Phonics training offer summary

| Type of training | Intended attendee | Content | Length | Price |
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| Overview of Time for Phonics webinar - hosted in Zoom/ Eventbrite. | Prospective customers of Time for Phonics | Attendees will be guided through the Time for Phonics programme. Some webinars will include other topics. See details below. | 1 hour | Free |
| Included with all memberships of Time for Phonics is one hour of live online training which will show schools how to implement the programme in their setting. | New school members. | We will demonstrate how to use Time for Phonics in your school or setting in order to help you get the most out of the programme. | 1 hour | Included in the cost of the TFP yearly membership. |
| Introduction to phonics - online course hosted on the TFP website under "courses" via the customer account area. | Teaching staff who are new to phonics, or would benefit from a refresh. | Various modules covering the essentials of phonics. More details available in the training guide. | Approximately 2 hours | Included in the cost of the TFP yearly membership. |
| Teaching with Time for Phonics - online course hosted on the TFP website under "courses" via the customer account area. | Whole school | Various modules showing how to deliver TFP effectively. More details available in the training guide. | Approximately 2 hours | Included in the cost of the TFP yearly membership. |
| Time for Phonics in action - online and hosted on the TFP website under "courses" via the customer account area | Whole school | Watch a video of TFP in action. More details available in the training guide. | Approximately 1 hour | Included in the cost of the TFP yearly membership. |
| INSET training - either in person or via Zoom. | Whole school (or decided by school). Maximum 30 attendees per session. | Bespoke package dependent on training needs of the school to ensure the effective delivery of TFP. More details available in the training guide. | Half or full day | £650 per full day. £450 per half day + travel costs. |