

Maths Champions Information Sheet

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) are delighted to have secured funds to deliver the Maths Champions programme through the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Department for Education (DfE). The 12 month online programme has been evaluated by the EEF with York and Durham University and has been proven to boost children's Maths and Language attainment by an average of [3 additional months](#).

About the Programme

The programme aims to improve maths attainment of children in an early years setting by training a Maths Champion and Deputy Maths Champion (MC and DMC) in key mathematical concepts and increasing staff confidence. After completing a live induction and online training modules the MC will lead on completing a staff confidence and nursery environment audit and action plan to improve the mathematical learning environment and confidence of all staff. They will also lead on implementing 10 or more core activities with children that build on the key areas of maths learning. MCs will then be able to revisit their audits and review the outcomes of the core activities. Throughout the 12 months the MC and DMC will have access to ongoing one-to-one support from an Early Years Expert as well as regular webinars on arising topics.

As part of this DfE-funded scaled delivery, the programme will be available at no cost to participating settings.

Programme steps:

➤ STEP 1: Initial Tasks

➤ STEP 2: Reflective Learning Journal

➤ STEP 3: Online Training

➤ STEP 4: Children's Observational Assessment

➤ STEP 5: Self Assessment Audits

➤ STEP 6: Action Plans

➤ STEP 7: Core Activities

➤ STEP 8: Measuring Impact

➤ STEP 9: Case Study

To take part in the programme you must:

- Be a private, voluntary, or independent (PVI) nursery, maintained nursery school or children's centre, or state funded school-based nursery with children accessing 3- and 4-year-old places attending for at least 15 hours per week
- Be able to nominate a level 3 practitioner to be the Maths Champion, who will run the programme in your setting and nominate another level 3 practitioner to be the Deputy Maths Champion, who will support the Maths Champion.
- Not currently be using the NDNA Maths Champions programme or have taken part in the programme in the last two years
- Be committed to completing the mandatory steps of the programme over the 12-month period to the best of your ability
- Have onsite access to a computer with internet connection
- Be based in England
- Be ready to begin on programme between February and June 2026.

Delivery will commence from February 2026. For more information on the programme please visit the [NDNA website](#)

To register your interest please follow the link [here](#) or scan the QR code below to complete the short Expression of Interest form. If you meet the criteria above you will then be sent the full registration materials.

Please note: Where MOUs are received from settings with more than 10% of children in receipt of EYPP these will be prioritised to the programme.

