



## Evidence Leads in Education (ELEs) – Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. **What's a Research School?**

The Research Schools Network is a collaboration between the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and the Institute for Effective Education (IEE) to create a network of schools that will support the use of evidence to improve teaching practice. There are many evidence-based resources and tools available to help improve teaching practice and raise the attainment of pupils, but it can be difficult to get research into schools in ways that really make a difference in the classroom.

Research Schools aim to lead the way in the use of evidence-based practice. Through the network they will share what they know about putting research into practice, and support schools in their region to make better use of evidence to inform their teaching and learning so that they really make a difference in the classroom.

### 2. **What will an ELE do?**

There is a range of activities that an ELE can undertake. For example, an ELE could be deployed to support and contribute to the work of the Research School focusing on encouraging the use of evidence to inform school improvement decisions; co-design and co-deliver CPD; act as a coach and mentor for practitioners who are engaged in evidence-informed interventions. A deployment could be speaking at after-school staff meetings, leading a workshop to look at the evidence on a particular area of the curriculum, facilitating a professional learning community, undertaking activities relating to evaluating interventions or projects, and co-designing micro-trials.

### 3. **What skills and knowledge are required to be an ELE?**

The information pack includes information about the attributes of an Evidence Lead in Education.

### 4. **What support will I receive?**

You will be part of a local Research School hub and will be supported by Kyra Research School staff, other ELEs and the wider Research school network. There will be a dedicated area of the Kyra Teaching School website where we will be able to share resources and have discussions.



**5. What training will I be able to access?**

You will receive introductory training on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019. There will be an annual training day which you will be expected to attend and optional training sessions throughout the year. We will also organise training on new EEF guidance as it emerges so that you are able to share the recommendations with others. There will be opportunities to attend regional and national Research network meetings.

**6. What's the time commitment?**

We expect ELEs to be available to deliver a minimum of 6 days support per year, the times and dates of which will be mutually agreeable to the client school, the ELE and the ELE's home school.

**7. Are you recruiting ELEs from all phases?**

Kyra Research School's remit is to support all school phases. We will accept ELE applications from all phases and contexts.

**8. How much will the ELE's home school be remunerated?**

The home school will be remunerated for ELE deployment at the rate of £297.50 per day. The above rate is fully inclusive of travel and other expenses unless specifically agreed otherwise. A day is defined as 6.5 hours. No additional payment will be made for planning, preparation or write up unless specifically agreed otherwise. A purchase order will be raised following the completion of the package of support / programme of training and payments will be made on the receipt of a corresponding invoice from the ELE's Home School.