

Match-funding for phonics; your questions answered

1 How much funding will I get?

Primary schools in England can claim up to £3,000 match-funding, if they match that funding from their own budget (so up to £6000 in total), to spend on synthetic phonics resources and/or training which are approved as eligible for phonics match-funding. The school can spend any amount between £1 and £3000, and get the equivalent amount matched by the Department for Education. The funding is available from June 2011 to March 2013 and can be used in as many separate orders up to the full amount as required.

2 What can I buy with my match-funding?

A full printed catalogue of DfE approved phonics teaching programmes and supplementary resources for KS1 teachers and pupils, and training for teachers is published, and has been sent to schools. It is also available online at www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/phonics.

Match-funding can only be obtained by buying the resources and training listed in this catalogue.

Schools can decide themselves which of the resources will help them to deliver high-quality phonics teaching for their pupils and will be able to buy resources and training with the match-funding any time up to March 2013.

3 How can I order resources with my funding?

All the resources need to be ordered from the approved catalogue, which will be managed by the Department for Education's awarded suppliers*. This catalogue is available to all English schools.

4 How can I be sure that the resources I want are right for my school?

All Oxford phonics resources meet the DfE self-assessment phonics criteria and we have linked training from independent trainers. To help you, we have a national team of Primary Educational Consultants who can come to your school, and talk you through all our phonics resources, to ensure that you are confident in your purchase.

Find your local Oxford Primary Educational Consultant www.oup.com/oxed/info/findyourrep or call 01536 452610 to make an appointment.

5 How do I spend my funding on training?

In the same way as ordering your resources. Oxford also offers training from independent trainers. The approved training will be listed in the same catalogue, and you need to order it directly from the approved training providers. For help with effective phonics training, please contact your Primary Educational Consultant.

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And finally...

For more support, you can visit our website anytime and we also have a handy **Oxford Phonics Guide** with advice and information on getting the best out of phonics.

Find out more about Oxford Phonics at: www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/phonics

*Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation[ESPO] has been appointed by the DfE, on behalf of the Pro5 group, to manage the process.
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