



Department  
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# Priority Education Investment Areas

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# 1. Overview of Education Investment Areas (EIAs) and Priority Areas

- In the Levelling Up White Paper (Feb 2022), we identified **55 Education Investment Areas** (EIAs) where we will implement a package of measures to drive school improvement and improve pupil outcomes. We also indicated that we would make more intensive investment across a number of these areas.
- In the Schools White Paper (Mar 2022), we identified **24 Priority Areas** where we will make more intensive investment. They are a subset of EIAs, and comprise of the 12 existing DfE Opportunity Areas and 12 other EIAs that have particularly low attainment and high rates of disadvantage.

## **Ambitions by 2030:**

- 90% of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths combined at Key Stage 2, with an increase of over a third in the lowest performing areas.
- National GCSE average grade in both English language and in maths increased from 4.5 in 2019 to 5

## **How we will do this in Priority Areas:**

- We will build on our support to Education Investment Areas in Priority Areas - making even more intensive investment to strengthen the system and address local need, so we can drive improvements in pupils' numeracy and literacy further and faster.

## 2. Summary of the support available for Priority Areas

### Priority Areas:

#### Core EIA offer

Consultation:  
“Supporting schools  
that are not making  
necessary  
improvements”

Trust Capacity  
Funding

Levelling Up  
premium

Connect the Classroom  
(for less than 'Good' schools)

#### Additional Priority Area offer

Local needs fund

CEO development  
programme

Connect the Classroom  
(for all schools)

#### Available to some Priority Areas

Attendance mentoring

**Family Hubs**  
(some areas have been  
pre-selected to apply)

**Free Schools**  
(bids prioritised)

#### Wider DfE programmes to draw on

Including:

Behaviour hubs

Curriculum hubs

Early Years  
Recovery  
Programme

National  
Professional  
Qualifications

National Tutoring  
Programme

Trust and School  
Improvement offer

*Other programmes  
and policies*

### 3. Local needs fund and local partnerships boards

#### Local needs fund

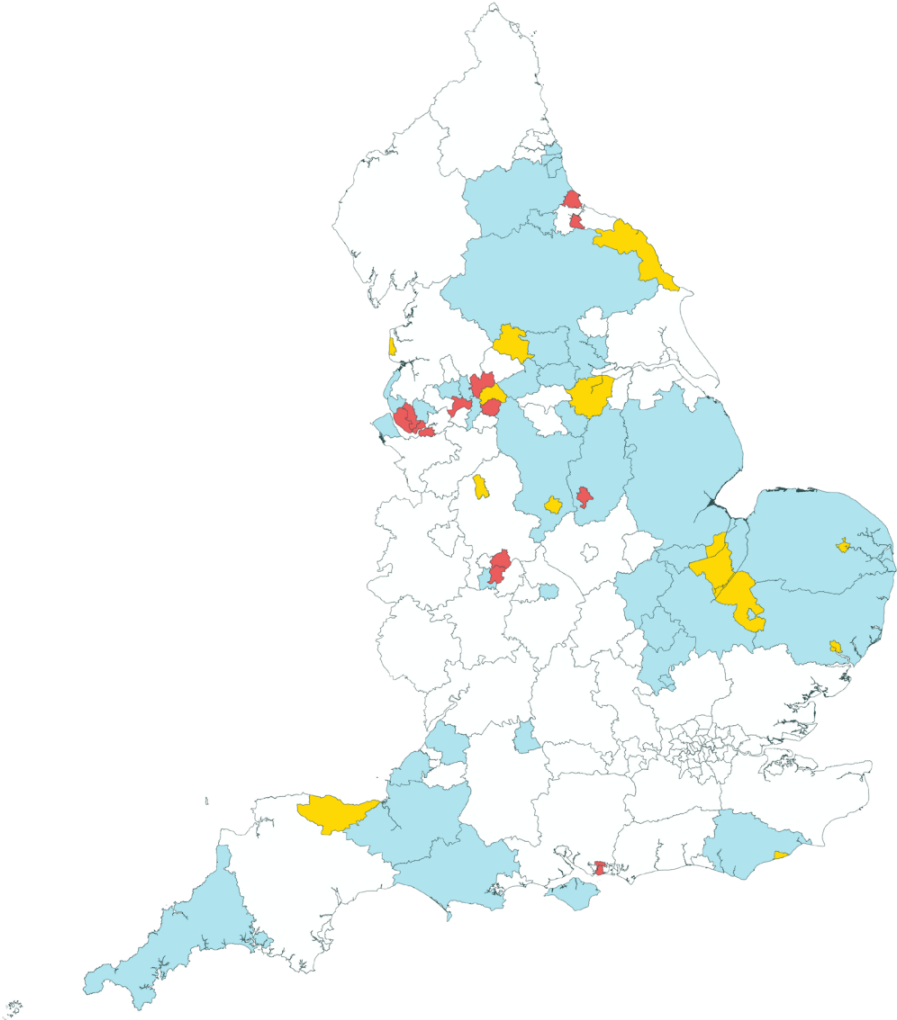
- In the Schools White Paper we announced that across the **24 Priority Areas** we are investing around **c£40 million of additional funding for bespoke interventions to address local needs.**

We expect Regional Directors to be advised by **Local Partnership Boards.**

- They will act in an advisory capacity, bringing their expertise to identify local improvement priorities and contribute to the development of a delivery plan, which will set out how DfE programmes and selected local programmes will lead to improved attainment at KS2 and KS4.
- They will include representatives from the local authority, strong multi-academy trusts, and local dioceses, and also individuals from inside and outside the area who bring specific skills, expertise and challenge.
- They will meet regularly to provide ongoing challenge and oversight of programme delivery, and operate under a nationally consistent set of terms of reference.

The **initial priorities** for the local partnership boards over the next 6 months are to complete a data-led analysis of local needs (by end of September), and contribute to the development of an evidence-based delivery plan (by end of November) of how to invest their share of the c£40m local needs fund.

# 4. Map and list of Priority Areas



Priority EIA (Not an Opportunity Area) Priority EIA (Opportunity Area) EIA Not an EIA

Region	Priority Area
East Midlands	Derby
East Midlands	Nottingham
East of England	Fenland and East Cambridgeshire
East of England	Ipswich
East of England	Norwich
North East	Hartlepool
North East	Middlesbrough
North West	Blackpool
North West	Halton
North West	Knowsley
North West	Liverpool
North West	Oldham
North West	Rochdale
North West	Salford
North West	Tameside
South East	Hastings
South East	Portsmouth
South West	West Somerset
West Midlands	Sandwell
West Midlands	Stoke-on-Trent
West Midlands	Walsall
Yorkshire & The Humber	Bradford
Yorkshire & The Humber	Doncaster
Yorkshire & The Humber	North Yorkshire Coast

The [Priority Education Investment Areas – selection methodology](#) is on GOV.UK