

Meet the Senior Leadership Team

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is important in the day to day management of schools, and plays a key role in decision making.



Head Teacher

As the most senior teacher in the school, Head Teachers provide leadership and management for the school.

They're involved in everything from organising school events and distributing funding, to general management and discipline.

Unlike most other teachers, Head Teachers spend little time teaching in the classroom, instead focussing on managing the school and motivating staff and pupils.

Their primary focus is ensuring the school is on a sound financial footing and that all students are able to progress and meet their potential.



Did you know?

Primary Schools Head Teachers usually approve all school purchases up to £10,000 and Secondary School Head Teachers can approve spending up to £15,000.

In fact, 79% of Head Teachers are required to approve all school spending as part of their school spending processes.



Executive Head Teacher

They work with the school's staff, governors, parents and wider network to help achieve the school's goals and visions.

They also help to make sure the school is compliant with all internal, local and national educational policies.

As the second most senior role in a school, they often help the Head Teacher with wider strategic planning and tend to rarely teach in the classroom.



Deputy Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teachers assist with the leadership of the school, and take responsibility for things like safety, inclusion and the development of teaching within the school.

Deputy Head Teachers answer to Head Teachers, but still have the authority to step in as the school's Head Teacher should they need to.

Some Deputy Heads may still teach in a classroom, but generally focus on their leadership role over classroom teaching.



Assistant Head Teacher

Assistant Head Teachers work with the Head Teacher to manage the school and have some responsibility for ensuring pupil wellbeing.

Many schools will have more than one Assistant Head Teacher. These are different to the Deputy Head Teacher in that they don't have the authority to stand in for the Head Teacher, and will sometimes still teach in classes across the school.



Chair of Governors

The Chair of Governors leads the governing board, helping to ensure the school meets its strategic and educational goals. They often coordinate with the Head Teacher to help achieve this.

The Chair of Governors is also involved in school financial planning, as they are usually required to work with the full governing board to approve all purchases over £20,000 in Primary Schools and £30,000 in Secondary Schools.



Business Manager

The Business Manager helps to oversee the day-to-day running of the school, as well as managing areas of the school budget and human resources.

They also take responsibility for ordering supplies and advising of school financial policy.

Our research found that Business Managers often approve purchases over a certain amount for all school departments.



Did you know?

61% of Business Managers approve all spending in their school.