

Ambition Institute programmes and coronavirus: FAQs

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We understand what a busy and challenging time this is for teachers and schools following yesterday's announcement of school closures across the country.

At Ambition Institute, we want to play our part in supporting you through these exceptional circumstances. **We are therefore suspending all delivery of our programmes until after Easter.** This includes online learning and submission deadlines as well as face-to-face delivery. All face-to-face delivery is suspended until at least the end of April at this stage.

We've made this decision to try to give schools the time and space to focus on the most important things at this time. We understand that continuing professional development will be difficult to engage with in the current circumstances and could become an unwelcome distraction.

We know that teachers and schools affected by this decision may have questions. These FAQs aim to provide information and reassurance.

Are you cancelling all events or delivery?

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Over the next few weeks, we will use this time to make sure that we adapt our offer for the summer term. We'll update participants on next steps and options when we have an alternative that we believe will work well for them.

There are a handful of exceptions to this decision:

- > The Masters in Expert Teaching will continue online. The next scheduled event is in April and we are working to move this entirely online. We're staying in close contact with participants to make sure we're responding to their needs.
- > Where programmes offer coaching as part of their provision, we want to make sure it's as helpful as possible to participants. Coaching will be entirely optional and online, but remains on offer if participants think a coaching conversation could support them through this challenge.
- > Assessment Centres for Future Leaders and Expert Middle Leaders will continue, moving entirely online.

What will this mean for National Professional Qualifications?

Some of our programmes include an external submission deadline for a National Professional Qualification. If participants have an imminent deadline and feel ready to submit, we encourage them to go ahead with this.

However, we want to reassure any participants concerned about meeting a deadline that extensions in the extenuating circumstances will be possible. We're working closely with the Department for Education to agree how best to proceed and will come back to you as soon as we can on this.

Will this have an impact on future events?

We will use the next few weeks to make sure that we're ready to support teachers and schools in the summer term and that includes reviewing our offer and how it's delivered. We'll be in touch with participants soon with more information on what this looks like.

Is the cost of travel or accommodation cancellation paid by Ambition Institute?

We don't cover the cost of transport or accommodation booked by participants. As the situation is caused by external events, we're not in a position to cover these additional costs.

How can I get in touch?

If your question is programme-specific, you can reach the relevant Participant Support team via:

- > Teacher Education Fellows - fellowshipsupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Transforming Teaching - transformingteaching@ambition.org.uk
- > Early Careers Support & Early Career Teachers - earlycareersupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Curriculum Leaders - curriculumleaders@ambition.org.uk
- > Masters in Expert Teaching - masters@ambition.org.uk
- > Teaching Leaders (Primary Mastery)- primarymastery@ambition.org.uk
- > Middle Leadership Programme - mlpsupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Teaching Leaders Secondary - tsecondarysupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Aspiring Leadership Programme - alpsupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Expert Middle Leaders - eml@ambition.org.uk
- > Future Leaders - futureleaders@ambition.org.uk
- > Headship - headship@ambition.org.uk
- > Trust Leaders - trust.leaders@ambition.org.uk
- > Executive Leaders - executive.leaders@ambition.org.uk
- > Governance Leaders - governancesupport@ambition.org.uk
- > Trust Diagnostic - trustdiagnostic@ambition.org.uk

For any other enquiry please use info@ambition.org.uk