Online education resources list: Pre-application guidance for resource suppliers

This document should be read in conjunction with the [minimum requirements and quality criteria](#). Please note that we may add further information to this document over time, to reflect enquiries from suppliers.

How to apply

You can apply by completing the [supplier questionnaire](#) by midnight on 12 May 2020.

How to receive updates

We are receiving a number of enquiries from suppliers for additional information on the applications process. Suppliers who have already contacted us will receive emails to let them know of any helpful new information. If you are not receiving these updates, but would like to, please contact us at resources.school@education.gov.uk.

1. General

What is the online education resources list?

Teachers and parents have been looking for support during coronavirus (COVID-19) school closures. The education publishing sector provided an amazing response, with many publishers quickly offering new resources or making some tools available for free.

To help teachers and parents in navigating through the wide range of offers, and to identify the right tools and resources to meet their specific needs, the department issued [guidance](#) which signposts to an initial list of free online resources. The list was identified by educational experts and teachers and includes subject-specific resources for certain key curriculum subjects alongside special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and

mental wellbeing.

What type of resources are included?

Resources must offer free online content covering at least one of the following areas at Early Years to Key Stage 5:

- English
- maths
- science
- PE
- mental wellbeing
- special educational needs and disability (SEND)

What about resources for other subjects?

The Department is committed to the continuation of high-quality education for all pupils during this difficult time and is supporting schools and parents through a number of initiatives. We are considering how we can best support subjects not currently included in the Online Education Resources list.

Why are you updating the list?

When the department launched the resources list on 7 April, we were clear we would review and update this in due course. The initial list was not intended to be exhaustive, and our review reflects the wide range of free offers on the market.

We have not yet set a date for schools to reopen and will be guided by the science in doing so. These resources list will remain online for the period of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, at which point they will be reviewed.

How long will the list be available for?

These resources will remain online for the period of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, subject to updates. We will review and consider next steps after this.

2. Applying

How can I apply to be included on the list?

You can apply by completing the [supplier questionnaire](#) by midnight on 12 May 2020. Resources will be assessed in the order that applications are received, and we will make two separate updates to the list during May.

What do I need to complete this questionnaire?

There are technical elements to this questionnaire, including on website capacity, security and data protection. You may need assistance from technical experts within your organization to complete the questionnaire.

My resource is already on the list. Do I still need to complete the full application process?

No. However, we will contact you for further information to ensure that we can continue to list your resource. Please email us at resources.school@education.gov.uk if your resource is on the list and you have not heard from us yet.

If your resource has changed significantly since 7 April, or you wish to add other resource packages that you supply (including extension to other subjects or Key Stages), you will need to submit a new application for each new resource package.

I was in touch with you about the initial list, but my resource wasn't included. Does this mean my resource won't be added now?

No. There are thousands of resources available and it was not possible to assess all of these when preparing the initial list. The requirements for resources have also been updated since creating the initial list. As a result, we would encourage any supplier not currently included to submit a questionnaire.

3. How we will assess resources

What are the criteria for being added?

We have made the minimum requirements and criteria against which we will assess resources available to suppliers.

Will all resources that meet the criteria be added to the list?

We want to signpost teachers and parents to a range of resources, whilst also supporting them to identify the right tools and resources to meet their specific needs.

If we receive large volumes of applications, a high proportion of which are deemed to be quality resources, it may be necessary to prioritise resources for addition to the list to ensure it remains user-friendly. In the event that the department needs to invoke prioritisation we will contact all suppliers who have submitted resources for consideration to explain how the prioritisation will work.

Who will assess resources against the criteria?

The department will assess the resources against the criteria in conjunction with subject experts. We will provide further information on this in due course.

When will the updated list be published?

We intend to publish updates to the list in two tranches during May. All requests will be assessed in order of submission date.

4. Contacting us

How can I contact you about the questionnaire?

Suppliers can contact us about how to complete the questionnaire at resources.school@education.gov.uk. Please note this mailbox is only monitored during working hours. If we receive large volumes of enquiries, we will prioritise those received first.

We will also endeavour to update this pre-application guidance with relevant information. Once you submit your questionnaire you will receive an automated e-mail with a unique reference ID. Please include it if you need to contact us about your submission.

5. Next steps

What happens if my resource isn't included on the updated list?

Not all of the resources submitted will be published on the list. The department and its subject matter experts will be looking to identify quality resources through expert assessment that would be most helpful to support remote education at this difficult time. If a large volume of the resources submitted to the department are deemed to be quality resources, it may be necessary to prioritise between them to ensure that the list remains user-friendly and not overwhelming in length. In the event that the department needs to invoke prioritisation we will contact all suppliers who have submitted resources for consideration to explain how the prioritisation will work. An unsuccessful application is therefore not automatically a reflection that a resource is not of high enough quality. We will provide further details of next steps to unsuccessful suppliers in due course.