# Sefton Teaching School Alliances - School to School Support Protocol

**Introduction**

As part of their remit Teaching School Alliances (TSAs) should offer School to School Support (S2SS). The aim of this protocol is to clarify arrangements for how Sefton schools that are looking for S2SS should approach the TSAs, what they may expect to receive, quality assurance arrangements, and charging information. It should support a consistency of approach and avoid duplication or confusion.

There are 4 TSAs which operate in Sefton LA:

* Holy Rosary Teaching School Alliance
* Capital Teaching School Alliance
* North Sefton Coastal Teaching Schools Alliance
* Merseyside SEN Teaching Schools Alliance

**What is School to School Support?**

One of the most effective ways of achieving school improvement is by working with other schools.  There are now many opportunities for school leaders and governors to work with and receive support from their peers.

**S2SS from Teaching Schools**

The TSA S2SS model is based on a commissioning process. A school or LA can approach a TSA for support. That commission is normally overseen by a NLE (National Leader in Education) or a LLE (Local Leader in Education). NLE/LLE roles are accredited by NCTL. The terms of the commission (nature and focus of support, duration, expected outcomes and cost of support) are agreed at the outset. There is a regionally agreed charging structure to enable the model to be self-sustaining. Commissioning documents are then used to record the commission and as a reference point for quality assurance and evaluation. The NLE or LLE may choose to deploy SLEs (Specialist Leaders in Education) and/or other colleagues to deliver the support.

**The Sefton TSA Model**

A. Schools (Supported Schools) wanting/requiring S2SS should follow one of the following

approaches:

1. Approach the Sefton LA School Improvement Service to commission support on their behalf.

2. Approach a Teaching School Headteacher directly.

B. Appropriate individuals will meet with the Supported School to agree the nature and focus of

support, duration, expected outcomes and cost of the support. Relevant documentation will be

discussed and agreed. Oversight of this process will involve the TSA Administrator.

C. Sefton NLE/LLE/TSA Headteacher has access to SLEs across the Learn and Lead Partnership

and may choose to deploy them, as appropriate, with agreement from the Supported School.

They may also choose to deploy other colleagues, as appropriate, if a SLE is not available or

best placed to bring about the expected outcomes.

D. The NLE/LLE /TSA Headteacher remain responsible for the commission and the point of contact

for the Supported School. The NLE/LLE/TSA Headteacher should undertake some QA work

during the commission and at the end. In addition to this, the supported school will be asked to

complete an evaluation of the commission.

E. The relevant documentation is a record of the work, the outcomes and the evaluation of the

commission.

F. Charges are normally invoiced at the end of the commission once agreed work has been

completed.

G. All S2SS plans will include exit arrangements and terms and conditions to ensure all

agreement/expectations are understood by all parties.

**The Sefton TSA Charging Model**

All TSAs will use the regionally agreed charging model:

* NLE - charged at £500 per day
* LLE - charged at £450 per day
* Non - LLE accredited working as SLT - charged at £400 per day
* SLE - charged at £350 per day
* Non - SLE accredited working as SLE - charged at £300 per day
* The supported school will pay 10% of the cost of the commission to the Teaching School as a brokerage fee

Other S2SS episodes will be charged as follows:

1. Good practice visit from/to a school - half day

* First visit per academic year - Free
* Thereafter - £100 per half day (if necessary)

2. One off SLT or subject leader consultation

* 1 hour per school per academic year - Free
* Thereafter - SLE rate per hour (£70)

**Work with TSAs outside Sefton**

Sefton TSAs are part of the Learn and Lead Partnership which is collaboration of the Teaching Schools and 9 Local Authorities in Cheshire and Merseyside.

* Sefton
* Liverpool
* Wirral
* Cheshire West and Chester
* Cheshire East
* Halton
* Warrington
* St Helens
* Knowsley

**Contact details for Sefton TSAs**

* Holy Rosary Teaching School Alliance

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* CAPITAL Teaching School Alliance

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(Range and Meols Cop High Schools)

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