

# **GCSE Tutoring Support FAQ's**

# What is GCSE Tutoring Support?

The Trust recognises that there has been disruption to education for many young people, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and this will have resulted in gaps in knowledge and understanding across many subjects. The Government have introduced the National Tutoring Programme, a scheme through which state schools can provide additional support to those children and young people, considered to have been most affected. However, given the pivotal role that Maths and English play in determining progression opportunities and therefore life chances, the Trust would like to help Member's children bridge their learning gaps by offering funding for tutoring in GCSE Maths and English Language.

GCSE Tutoring Support is designed to help Members meet the cost of a Tutor for their children sitting/resitting their GCSE Maths and English Language exams in May/June 2022.

#### How do I apply for GCSE Tutoring Support?

Please send an email to <u>contact@eagatrust.com</u> and include this information:

- Member's name
- Child's name
- GCSE exam date
- Confirmation of subject/s for which tutoring is required Maths and/or English Language

Once your application email has been received, one of the Trust Ambassador's will get in touch to discuss next steps.

#### Who will provide the tutoring?

The Trust have partnered with Kip McGrath, Kip McGrath are specialists in English and Maths tuition, they offer online and face to face tutoring, and have over 274 Educational Centres in the UK and Isle of Man.

# How do I book my tutoring with Kip McGrath?

Once your GCSE Tutoring Support application has been agreed and your tutoring approved by your eaga Trust Ambassador, you will be sent a confirmation email with your details, including number of sessions and subjects to be studied. You can then select the Kip McGrath Centre you wish to book your tutoring with via their website <u>www.kipmcgrath.co.uk/find-a-centre</u>, once you have selected your Centre please contact them via **telephone** to book your sessions, letting them know that you are a Member of the eaga Trust and sharing the confirmation email with them.

# How many sessions will GCSE Tutoring Support provide?

GCSE Tutoring Support will provide up to 10 sessions initially. Once these have been completed, you should contact the Trust to discuss further tutoring requirements. The Trust has the capacity to provide up to 20 Tutoring Support sessions for your child.

#### How will these Tutoring Support sessions be split?

You can decide how to split the Tutoring Support sessions based on the needs of your child. For example, you may feel your child would benefit from all sessions being used for English Language or all sessions for Maths, or you could decide to have a 60/40 split, 50/50 split etc.

#### Will the GCSE Tutoring Support payments be made to me?

No, GCSE Tutoring Support payments will be made directly to Kip McGrath by the Trust.

#### I am already using a Kip McGrath; can I carry on using them and receive the GCSE Tutoring Support funding?

Payments you have made to Kip McGrath prior to the introduction of Tutoring Support cannot be retrospectively claimed. However, you will be able to apply for GCSE Tutoring Support to help with the cost of further tutoring. Please make an application as above, once your application has been accepted by the eaga Trust for GCSE Tutoring Support you will need to contact Kip McGrath and advise them that you will be moving to the eaga Trust GSCE Tutoring Support Benefit and provide the confirmation email from the eaga Trust.

# I am already using a private tutor; can I carry on with this tutor and receive the GCSE Tutoring Support funding?

The Trust have made provision for Members to access tutoring provided by Kip McGrath. The Trust have established and agreed a process with Kip McGrath to make it as easy and straight forward for our Members. Unfortunately, our processes do not allow for other tutors to be used.

#### Will GCSE Tutoring Support cover any other subjects?

Not at present, for this academic year the Trust is focusing on GCSE Maths and English Language as these are recognised as key qualifications for employment, progression into Further Education and Higher Education and recruitment into apprenticeships, with most employers requiring grade 4/C in each.

# I am resitting GCSE Maths/English Language – can I apply for GCSE Tutoring Support?

Yes, if you are resitting your GCSE Maths and/or GCSE English Language in May/June 2022 you can apply for GCSE Tutoring Support.

# Is GCSE Tutoring Support available to other Members of my family?

GCSE Tutoring Support is only available to Member's children who are registered with the Trust.

# What if I haven't registered my child with the Trust yet?

Please log onto the eaga Trust website and register your child by clicking on 'My Membership' and then 'My Registered Children'. You will then need to click on 'Start my Descendants Update'.

Please be aware you will need to post your child's birth certificate to the Trust so we can verify your child's details, full details of how to do this will be given to you when you complete the online form.

# I am an international Member, can I apply?

At present GCSE Tutoring Support is only available to UK Members/Child Members.

#### My child will be taking their GCSE's in 2023, is this support available to them?

At present GCSE Tutoring Support is for Member's children sitting exams in 2022. The Benefit will be reviewed for 2023 and details shared via Trust Matters and social media.

#### Who do I contact if I am unhappy with any element of the tutoring provided by Kip McGrath?

If you have any concerns or complaints about the services provided by Kip McGrath, please direct these to the Kip McGrath Education Centre you are using in the first instance, or call 01452 382282 to contact **Kip McGrath** directly.