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Schools Resource Management

Overview

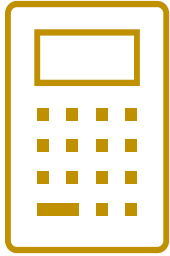
The Schools Resource Management programme aims to help schools and trusts secure the best value from their expenditure, so they can re-invest it back into improving outcomes for pupils. The School Resource Management collection [gov.uk page](#) contains links to all of the support and tools the department currently has on offer.



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Our aims...

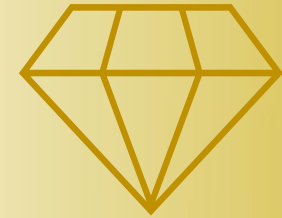
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Support schools
to be smart
consumers



Ensure buyers
and decision
makers in schools
have the right
relationships and
skills



Ensure buyers
have access to
the best value
every time

As outlined in the [Schools' buying programme 2020](#)



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Our work includes...



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Find a Framework online tool



Framework webinars



RPA for Academies & LAMS



Connected 100+ SBP networks



SBP buying and insight groups



Working with professional bodies



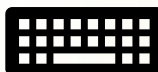
Procurement advice and guidance



Over 40 Approved Frameworks



1:1 buying conversations



Included cyber cover under RPA



Published Buying guidance



MAT Procurement Professional Network



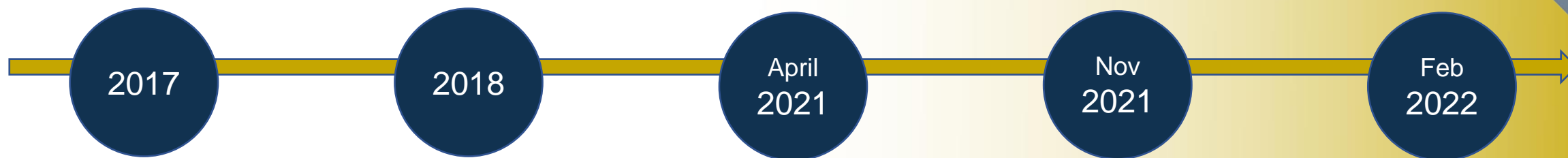
Flood, fire & crime resilience



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Timeline

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First Schools
Buying
Strategy
published by
DfE

DfE Regional
Schools buying
Hub pilots
launched in the
North West and
South West
regions running
for 4 years

Get help buying
for schools
service public
consultation
launched

Government
response
published in
April 2021

Create a
specification
launched

Get help buying
for schools
launched offering
general guidance
and specific
advice from a
procurement
expert on DfE
approved
framework



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Our aims and goals

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Support schools to enter better value commercial deals, **saving them money**



Support schools to **feel better equipped to deliver future procurements**



Meet the changing needs of School Business Professionals' so they are **satisfied with the service** they receive



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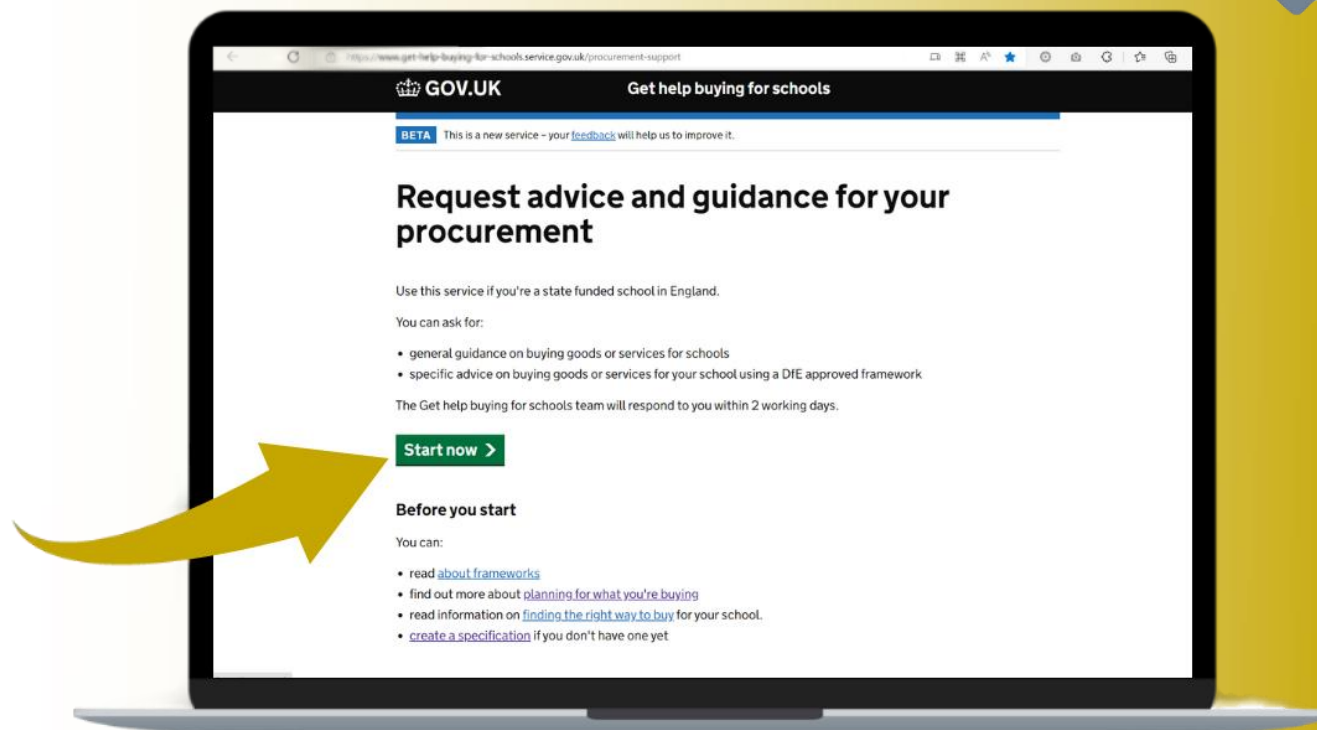
What is it and how can you access it

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Get help buying for schools is a **free** and **impartial** service, delivered directly by the DfE

Currently, all state-funded schools can receive:

- general guidance on buying goods or services for schools
- specific advice on buying goods or services for your school through a DfE approved framework
- support to buy school furniture through our framework



Access the service here: [Get help buying for schools](https://www.get-help-buying-for-schools.service.gov.uk/procurement-support)



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Create a specification tool

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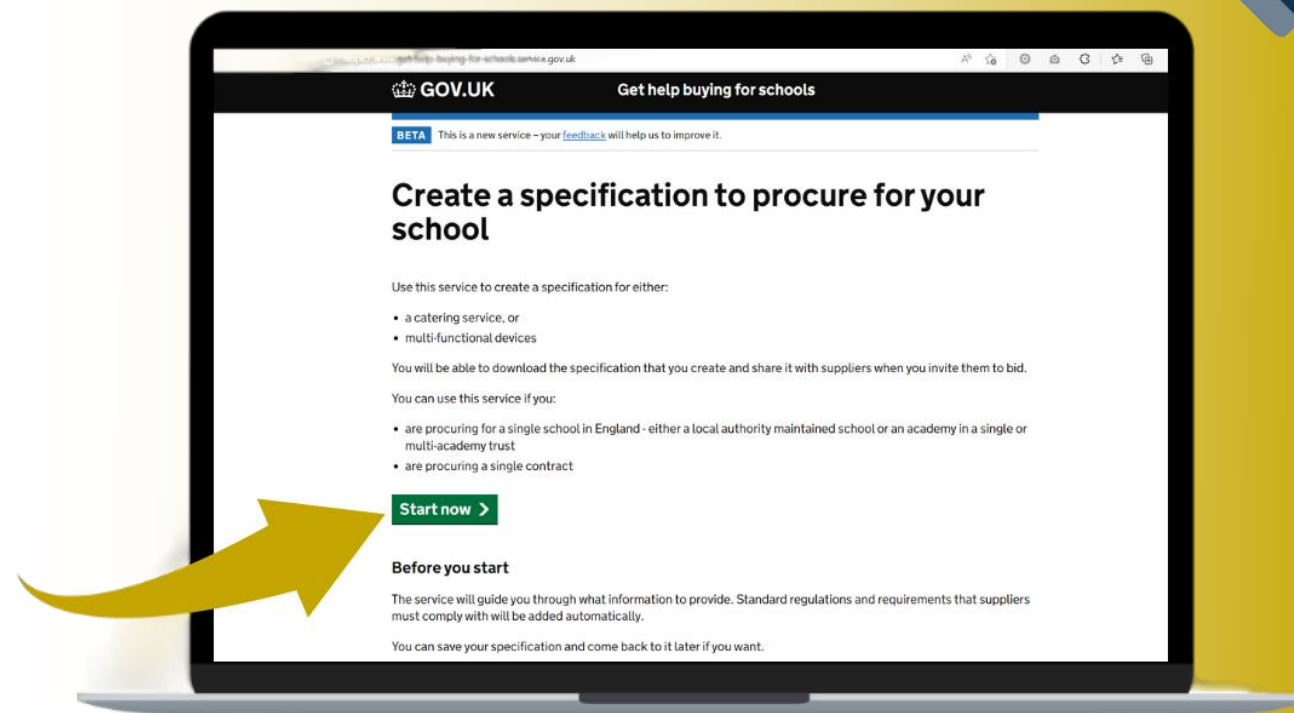
A tool to support schools create a specification when procuring for catering and MFDs

Supports schools to be compliant with rules and legislation

Downloadable version of your specification that can be used as part of the invitation to tender (ITT)

Currently available for:

- A single school in England - either a local authority-maintained school or an academy in a single or multi academy trust



Access the service here:

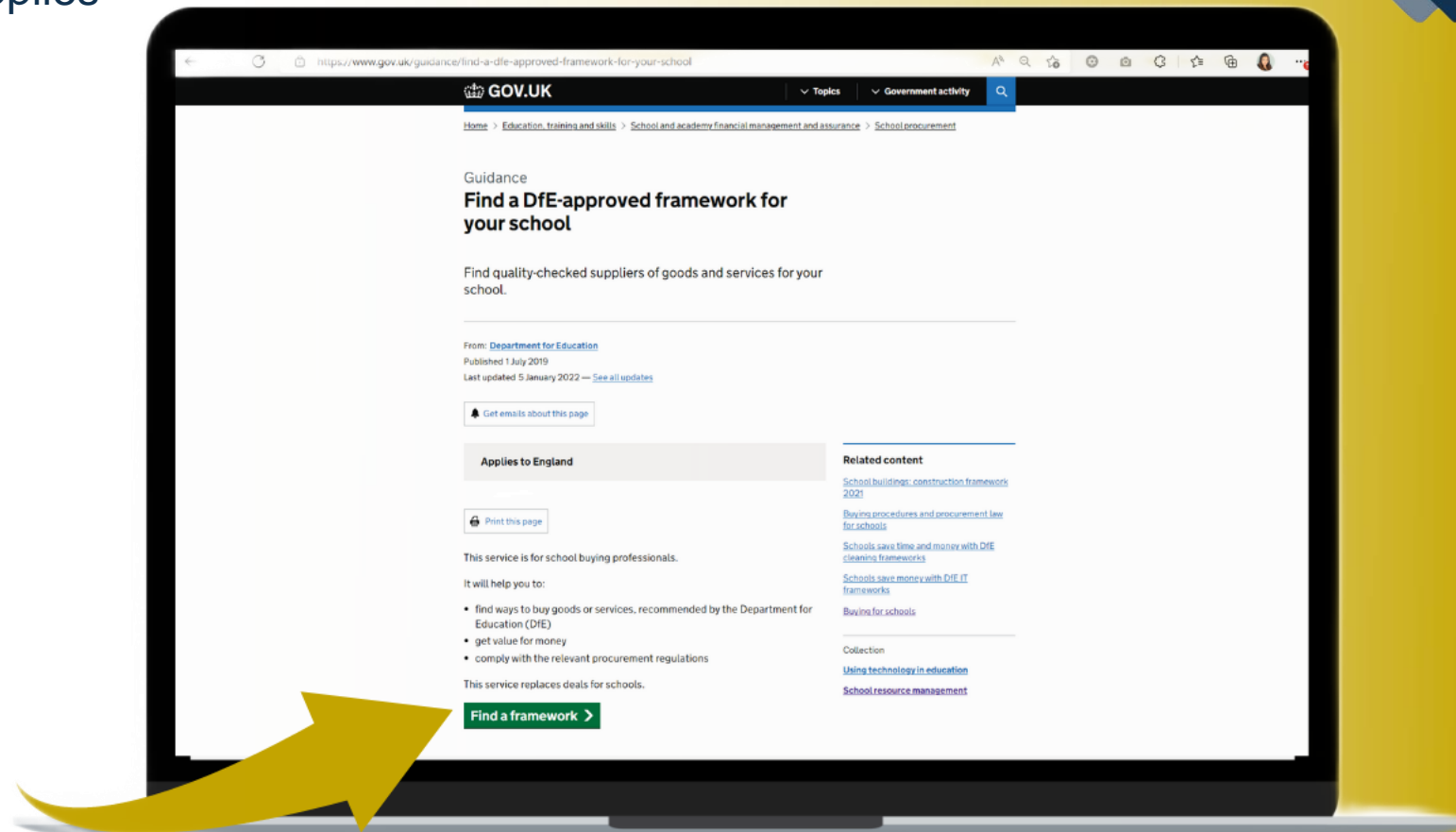
[Create a specification to procure for your school](#)

What our frameworks cover

And where to search for them

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- ✓ Books, stationery and education supplies
- ✓ ICT
- ✓ Legal
- ✓ PPE and cleaning
- ✓ Consultancy services
- ✓ Energy and utilities
- ✓ Facilities management and estates
- ✓ Recruitment, HR and training
- ✓ Financial
- ✓ Transport



Case study

St Ambrose College, Manchester

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The Problem:

Wanted to make sure that they procured compliantly and get value for money when buying audit services for the school

The Solution:

- Submitted a 'request for advice and guidance' through Get help buying for schools
- School supported through the process, including writing the specification
- Used the DfE approved CPC framework on the advice of the Get help buying for schools team

The Outcome:

- Reassured that they have done everything right
- Saved time
- Estimated saving between £3k-£5k

"I will definitely use the Get help buying for schools service again. If you've got access to experts and there is no cost and no obligation, it's a no-brainer – why wouldn't you?"

Kieren Done, School Business Manager



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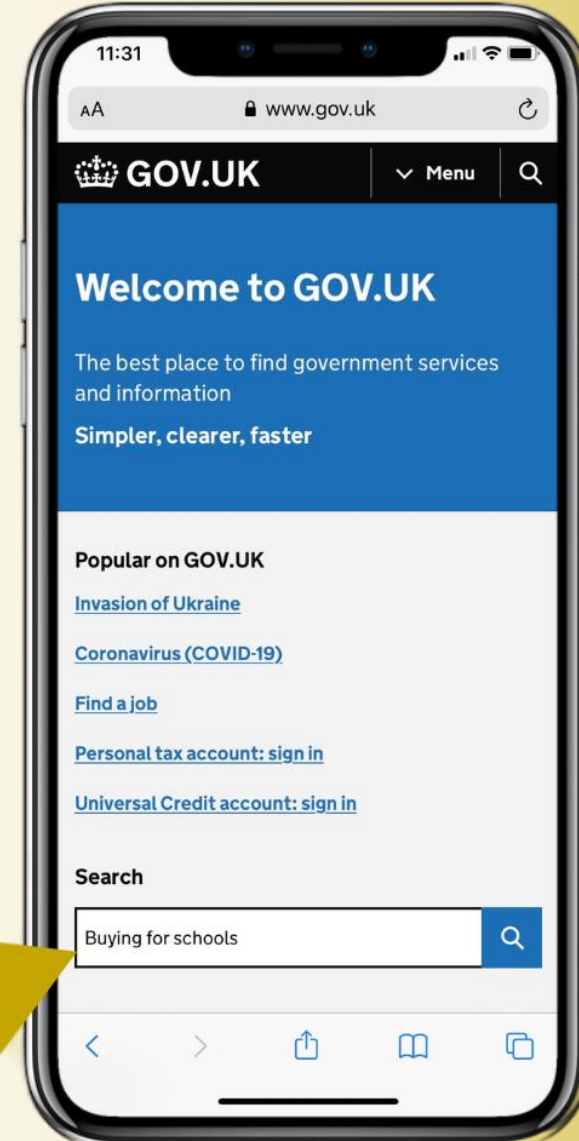
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Questions?

Thank you



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Useful links

- [Buying for Schools guidance](#)
- [Get help buying for schools](#)
- [Create a specification to procure for your school](#)
- [Sign up to RPA](#)
- [Sign up for GOV.UK buying updates](#)
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