

Artsmark

Designed by schools for schools, the refreshed **Artsmark** will help you to embed arts and culture in your whole school improvement plan. It gives you tools and resources to assess current provision and to develop a plan of action to suit your own setting.

We believe that every child should have an opportunity to create, experience and participate in extraordinary work. At the heart of Artsmark, seven quality principles give structure and substance to a curriculum which can unlock the potential of children and young people and help them to develop their skills and talents.

What are the benefits?

The process will enrich, develop and strengthen your school's arts and culture provision. It can provide evidence of how your school is meeting the social, moral, cultural and spiritual Ofsted requirements. Artsmark also celebrates your school's strengths and helps you to share them with the wider world.

By joining the Artsmark programme you will be supported to bring arts and culture to life in your school. You will also benefit from the knowledge and expertise of a critical friend. Critical friends are experts in the education and cultural industries who will be deployed at your request to support your school when it is most valuable. For example, this may be at planning and development, or evaluation stage.

How do we apply?

Application is open to all schools in England, excluding early years only settings (0-5) unless they are attached to a school with Key Stage 1 pupils. The simple application form is accessible via www.artsmark.org.uk/registration

What does it cost?

The standard fee is £500, the Bespoke fee for schools interested in additional critical friend support is £800. Schools with less than 100 pupils can access a reduced standard fee, the small schools fee of £250. The application fee is explained in full at www.artsmark.org.uk/artsmark-application-fee

How does it work?

Having registered, you will start to review your current provision against the Artsmark **self-assessment tool**, available on the Artsmark website. Once registered, each school sends two members of staff – an arts leader and a member of the senior management team – to attend a day-long session called an **Artsmark Development Day**, with a view to completing a **Statement of Commitment** shortly afterwards. Having refined and delivered your planned programme of activity, you complete a **Case Study** and are awarded your Artsmark level.

Where can I get information and support?

For schools in Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Peterborough and Suffolk your Bridge organisation, Festival Bridge, will support you through the process. Contact Olivia Dean, Artsmark & Arts Award Programme Manager, 01603 877765 or by email olivia@nnfestival.org.uk

What are my next steps?

Start a conversation in your school. If you'd like to learn more before registering, come along to a free Networking & Information session organised by Festival Bridge. When you are ready, register on the Artsmark website www.artsmark.org.uk/registration then attend an **Artsmark Development Day**. More information about each stage of the process is available on the Artsmark website.