

Dear East Midlands Teaching School Colleagues,

In this week's update:

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF) and EEF guidance

Do you need a language teacher?

MFL Report

Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)

Links to the **application form and guidance** for completion have now been added to the regional portal:

<http://www.emtsa.org.uk/regional-activities/strategic-school-improvement-fund/>

The Education Endowment Foundation has compiled a new resource to support system leaders in their **preparation of bids to the Strategic School Improvement Fund (SSIF)**. Alongside the £140M SSIF, the EEF has committed to invest up to £20 million over the next 2 years to further evaluate and disseminate evidence-based programmes and approaches. The resource is available at <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/our-work/implementation/support-for-strategic-school-improvement-fund-ssif-bids>.

It is presented in three parts:

Part 1: Provides guidance on how you might frame an evidence-informed bid for the Strategic School Improvement Fund

Part 2: Provides an overview of the EEF (and other) tools and resources that you might want to draw on

Part 3: Provides some tips on effective implementation

The resource is not a formal part of the application process to SSIF and has been developed independently of the Department for Education. It is intended to be a supportive tool to help school and system leaders decide where and what to focus on - to be used alongside professional judgement and local knowledge. Your support in distributing the guidance to appropriate colleagues would be greatly appreciated.

As you may already be aware the planned SSIF Briefing Sessions have been postponed until after the election.

Please continue to liaise with your EMTSSG representatives to ensure that you are involved in the regional collaborative application process.

Do you need a language teacher?

The DfE is working with the Spanish Ministry of Education on the [Spanish Visiting Teacher Programme](#), to provide schools in England with high quality and experienced native Spanish teachers. The Spanish teachers have already been through a rigorous sifting process and are currently being interviewed by an experienced group of Senior Leaders from English Schools. Some of the feedback from interviews include:

"The quality of the candidates was universally outstanding: the enthusiasm they showed for their role as educators, their love of learning modern foreign languages and the sheer brilliance of their written and spoken English." Executive Headteacher in a West Midlands Secondary School

“The quality of the candidates was excellent and the task and interview questions were suitably challenging to differentiate outcomes across the cohort. I would highly recommend schools looking closely at the successful candidates as there are many talented teachers who would be an asset to any school in the UK, not just in teaching Spanish but also a wide range of other subjects.” Deputy Headteacher in a South East Secondary School

The successful pool of candidates is now available for you to consider, [register now to recruit from the pool](#). For more information on this unique opportunity please contact Richard Radford at spanish.vtp@education.gov.uk

MFL Report

We would be grateful if you could please circulate this link: <https://www.tscouncil.org.uk/modern-foreign-languages-report/> – it will help build a picture of the impact of the report where it is being used. [Feedback_MFLPedagogyReview](#).