



Guide for primary schools

Action Tutoring is an award-winning education charity that supports young people facing socio-economic disadvantage to achieve a meaningful level of academic attainment.

We partner with non-selective state schools across England to deliver maths and English tutoring programmes for pupils sitting their SATs, working specifically with pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and at risk of not reaching national standards by the time they leave primary school.

We select and train high-quality volunteer tutors, who use our specially designed resources to deliver impactful tutoring.

“The children develop these wonderfully supportive relationships with the tutors too. It's something very special to see and plus the results back up that - this is the right approach for us.”

Jenny Stroughair, Deputy Headteacher, Walkergate Community School in Newcastle



Our provision includes:



8 to 10 high-quality, DBS-checked and trained volunteer tutors to work with up to 20 Year 5, 6 7, 10 or 11 pupils



Structured pupil and tutor resources, developed by curriculum specialists specifically for tutoring sessions.



A dedicated Programme Coordinator to induct and engage pupils, provide CPD and quality assurance for our tutors, and liaise with the school



Our programmes are heavily subsidised by fundraising, meaning we can offer provision from as little as £10 per pupil per hour.



Progress analysis and reporting for schools.

Delivery options

We offer face-to-face, online and virtual programmes for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.



Face-to-face: Our tutors are on the school premises for the session, along with a staff member from our team.



Online: Pupils connect with their tutors via our online platform, using computers in your school. A member of our staff team oversees the sessions in-person.



Virtual: Runs like an online programme, but both the tutors and Action Tutoring staff member log in remotely. Virtual programmes allow us to help disadvantaged pupils further outside of our hubs.

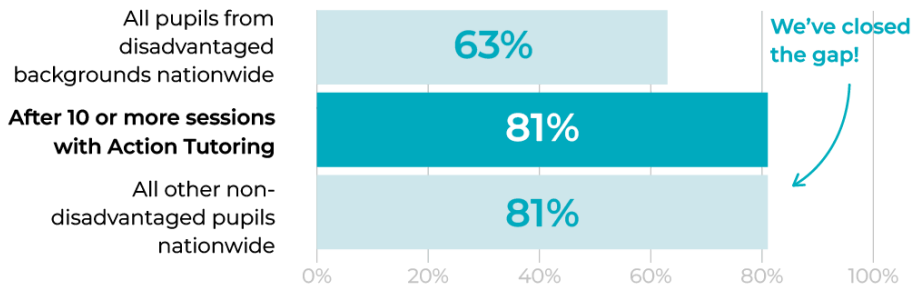


Our impact

In 2024-25, Year 6s tutored in maths were **20%** more likely to meet the expected standard than other pupils nationally, while those tutored in English were **29%** more likely to reach that benchmark.

Reading (key stage 2)

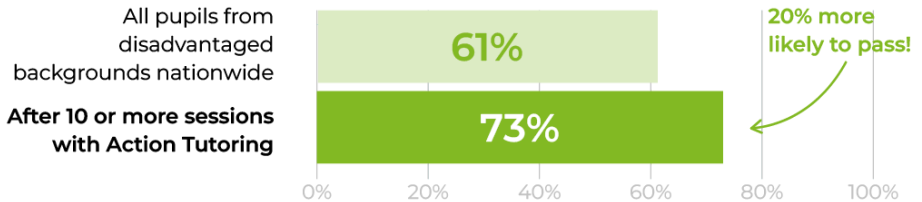
Children from disadvantaged backgrounds reaching the expected standard



Based on 186 SATs results for Action Tutoring pupils in 2025

Maths (key stage 2)

Children from disadvantaged backgrounds reaching the expected standard



Based on 353 SATs results for Action Tutoring pupils in 2025

Take a look at our curriculum guides. They provide an insight into our programmes - session objectives, domain coverage and what content will be used in sessions.

[Year 6 English resources](#)

[Year 6 maths resources](#)



Who are our tutors?

Our volunteer tutors go through a **strict selection process** which focuses on their academic credentials and core tutoring competencies. We also complete DBS checks for them.



Our tutors attend an initial training session and receive **ongoing developmental support from their Programme Coordinator, and access to all the training materials in our tutor resources library.**

Get in touch



To find out how Action Tutoring can work with your school, you can get in touch via any of the routes below. A member of our senior programme team will be in touch to discuss the needs of your pupils.



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