The Education Endowment Foundation

Independent charity dedicated to raising the attainment of 3-18 year-olds, particularly those facing disadvantage; developing their essential life skills; and preparing young people for the world of work and further study

• Founded in 2011 by lead charity the Sutton Trust, in partnership with Impetus, with a £125m founding grant from the Department for Education.

• The government-designated What Works Centre for Improving Education Outcomes for School-aged Children.
Our funding model

The plan ….

- £125m from government
- + £33m from investments
- + £42m from fundraising
= £200m for mission over 15 years

- 7% maximum spent on overheads

To date….

- Additional £16m from govt
- Investment target met
- £29m of fundraising
- Committed c£100m
- Additional Leverage of c£50m
- 5% overheads

- Planning to continue post 2026
What we do …

• We support teachers and school leaders to use evidence to inform their decision-making.

• We believe evidence helps schools to make the best decisions, and invest in areas most likely to lead to improvements in pupil outcomes.
Key challenges

• Engagement with - and independence from - government

• Quick wins vs long term view

• Partnerships (academic and delivery)

• Failure rates - 3 in 4

• Challenge of impact at scale (replication)

• Balance of activities; where do we stop? (Influence vs direct delivery)

• Expectations and silver bullets