

# Leading For Impact:

When Leadership meets Learning

## Programme

16 July 2025

9:00-9:15	Registration & Coffee
9:15-9:30	Welcome - Jonathan Taylor
9:30 - 10:45	Keynote Part 1: Breaking the Glass Ceiling of Good Sonia Gill - Heads Up
10:45 - 11:15	Break and Networking
11:15 - 12:30	Keynote Part 2
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking
13:30 - 14:00	Updates from the DfE and RISE Teams
14:15 - 15:00	Choice of Workshop
15:00	Close



## Keynote Session

### **Breaking the Glass Ceiling of Good**

Sonia Gill - Heads Up

Since 2011, Sonia Gill has been stepping into recently 'Outstanding' schools in some of the most challenging contexts—asking two key questions: *Are they truly outstanding? And how did they get there?*

Over more than a decade, Sonia has distilled the real-world strategies that have enabled schools to break through the ceiling of 'Good' and achieve excellence against the odds. In this inspiring session, she shares the patterns, pitfalls and powerful practices that make the difference.

## Updates from the DfE and RISE Teams



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### **Jon Fairclough**

Head of Delivery for Cambridgeshire, Norfolk & Suffolk

### **Lesley Birch**

DfE RISE Advisor & Deputy CEO Meridian Trust

At the core of DfE's Regional Improvement in Standards and Excellence (RISE) programme are the RISE advisers, educational experts with direct experience improving schools.

Find out how the RISE teams will work with and connect schools to ensure the future success of all children.

# Workshop sessions

<p><b>Codifying Excellence in Pedagogy: The Unity Code PD model and pedagogical framework</b></p> <p><b>Ang Morrison</b> Headteacher, Abbots Green</p> <p><b>Rebecca Clarke</b> Director of Primary</p> <p><b>Unity Schools Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>Raising standards in Reading and Writing in Primary Schools - Insights from a subject leader</b></p> <p><b>Suzanne Robertson</b> Assistant Head Teacher</p> <p><b>Emma Mussellwhite &amp; Ryan Davidson</b> Year 6 Teachers &amp; English Leads</p> <p><b>Mile Cross Primary School</b></p>	<p><b>Elevating Achievement: Strategies for Raising Academic Standards in Every Context</b></p> <p><b>Hannah Boag</b> Headteacher, Surlingham Primary</p> <p><b>Simon Underhill</b> Headteacher, Wymondham College Prep School)</p> <p><b>Sapientia Education Trust</b></p>
<p><b>Harnessing data to drive sustainable school improvement</b></p> <p><b>Drew Howard</b> Director of School Improvement</p> <p><b>Broad Horizons Trust</b></p>	<p><b>Panel discussion: Specialist provision in mainstream schools - insights from leaders on the frontline of inclusion</b></p> <p><b>Glenn Russell</b> Headteacher, Stalham Primary</p> <p><b>Joanna Ward</b> Headteacher, Edith Cavell Primary</p> <p><b>Jo Read</b> Headteacher, North Walsham Primary</p> <p><b>Summer Turner</b> Deputy CEO</p> <p><b>Broad Horizons Trust</b></p>	<p><b>High Expectations. No Exceptions: Building Cultures of Uncompromising Aspiration</b></p> <p><b>Sonia Innes</b> Education Director</p> <p><b>VNET Education CIC</b></p>
<p><b>Diagnosing and fixing problems in primary writing - lessons from the Norwich Writing Project</b></p> <p><b>Ben Arscott</b> NWP Project Lead</p> <p><b>Hannah Milton</b> Primary English Lead</p> <p><b>Inspiration Trust</b></p>	<p><b>Excellence in Early Years: From high-quality practitioner development to exceptional provision planning</b></p> <p><b>Meg Howgego</b> Co-Head of School The Oaks Primary School &amp; Ipswich &amp; East of England Stronger Practice Hub Partner</p>	<p><b>Developing a Dynamic Maths Culture</b></p> <p><b>Nicola Coe</b> Maths Hub Lead</p> <p><b>Joe Zilch</b> Work Group Lead White House Farm Primary</p> <p><b>Angles Maths Hub</b> serving Norfolk and Suffolk</p>