



The Association of Teachers of Mathematics
for mathematics educators
primary, secondary and higher



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Report from Primary Working Group

What does primary membership offer?

There is one port of call for primary teachers who wish to be a member of one or more mathematics subject associations. The 2013 national teacher survey showed that every primary teacher who has a responsibility for, or interest in, mathematics regards being a member of the ATM/MA primary group as an essential part of their professional life. This includes those working in the early years foundation stage. Every primary member has an equal voice and opportunity to contribute to decision-making about all aspects of the association to which they belong. Primary working group members are represented on the councils of all mathematics subject associations.

CPD

The primary CPD group is now the first place primary teachers look to for quality relevant engaging accredited CPD. We are working in partnership with HEI, local authorities and individual school federations. The primary CPD group quality mark/kite mark is recognised nationally.

Regional teams work with teachers and schools in developing and empowering their professional practice as teachers and learners. Teachers have an entitlement to quality CPD and space to reflect and this is written into their conditions of service.

The annual conference became obsolete when too many members wanted to attend to make it practically possible. Large regional conferences now take place during term time and have great breadth and variety of sessions. This enables primary delegates to have a good range of sessions to pick from and they also enjoy networking with teachers in other sectors. In addition, this year is the biennial huge primary annual conference in the Dome, which has taken on a high national profile, is on the news and has a TV programme dedicated to it. The booking for this is already full six months in advance.

Representation

The primary membership is recognised as **the** representative group for consultation by governmental and other decision making bodies. Mathematics subject associations who are members of JMC have strived to ensure that the voice of primary and early years teachers is represented.

Resources

All primary schools are now fully aware of the resources and publications developed and published by the primary group.

Communication

Please send any contributions to 2014@atm-mail.org.uk before 30 Jun 09

A survey of all primary practitioners last year showed that the ATM website is the first port of call for primary teachers for news, opinions and resources.

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