



making physics matter

Phiz Lab journey

An Ogden partnership with primary schools is eligible to apply for Phiz Lab funding in their second year. The Phiz Lab does not have to be at the partnership hub school. An Ogden regional representative and the Ogden Phiz Lab lead will support the partnership in the Phiz Lab funding application process and subsequent set up.

Eligibility

A meeting will be held with Ogden Phiz Lab lead, Ogden regional representative and partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator to review eligibility for a Phiz Lab.

This part of the process will look at suitability of the proposed space, and the achievements of the partnership in its first year.

Application

The regional representative and partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator will contact the programme manager (partnerships) to begin the flexi-grant application process.

The programme manager will send a link for a flexi-grant application form and give guidance on this stage of the application process.

Baseline review

The Phiz Lab lead will work with the partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator to carry out a baseline review of science at the Phiz Lab host school.

The baseline review will look at current practice and attainment in science within the school and look at partnership involvement so that the correct support can be offered.

Phiz Lab set up

Once the funding has been received by the school, the Ogden Phiz Lab lead can meet with the Ogden regional representative and partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator to plan the lab set up.

The Phiz Lab lead can give guidance and support on setting up the Phiz Lab – sharing ideas from other successful labs and giving guidance on how to allocate the funding effectively.

Phiz Lab official opening

The partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator will set a date in the diary with the Phiz Lab lead for an official opening day for the lab. The Phiz Lab lead or other Ogden team members may attend.

The official Phiz Lab opening is normally a celebration of science! Support and ideas for this can be given by the Phiz Lab lead. The event is normally attended by pupils and staff, and sometimes other local STEM and business links.

Six-month interim review

Six months after the lab has officially opened, the Phiz Lab lead will carry out a review with the partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator; this is often just a telephone call to catch up on plans and progress.

The interim review will consider current progress and practice, measured against the baseline review, and will look at any further support requirements for the school to continue to move science forward.

12-month annual review

The Phiz Lab lead will visit the school and carry out a science health check to look at the impact the Phiz Lab has had on teaching, learning and outcomes for pupils, as well as the wider community.

Subsequent annual health checks will be held by the partnership/Phiz Lab co-ordinator. The outcomes of these 12-monthly reviews must be sent to the Phiz Lab lead once completed.

At the end of the first year, the Phiz Lab lead will visit the school for the day – meet with the headteacher, carry out learning walks/book trawls, and look at partnership involvement with the lab.

The review will celebrate successes, generate new areas of focus and look at how best to support the science lead.

Support is available from the Phiz Lab lead at any stage of this process.