

The DfE's alternative to commercial insurance

RPA is the Department for Education's alternative to commercial insurance cover for schools and academies.

The RPA was introduced in 2014 and to date over two thirds of academies have joined and benefit from reduced costs and avoid the administrative burden of securing their risk protection.

As of April 2020, Local Authority Maintained Schools can now also benefit from joining the RPA.



What's Covered?

The RPA cover includes:

- ✔ Material Damage
 - ✔ Cultural Assets
 - ✔ Business Interruption
 - ✔ Hirer's Liability
 - ✔ Public Liability
 - ✔ Employee Dishonesty
 - ✔ Employers Liability
 - ✔ Money
 - ✔ Governors Liability
 - ✔ Personal Accident
 - ✔ Libel & Slander
 - ✔ Deterioration of Stock
 - ✔ Legal Expenses
 - ✔ Works in Progress
 - ✔ School Journey
 - ✔ Goods in Transit
 - ✔ UK & Overseas
 - ✔ Professional Indemnity
- Travel

You can find full details of the RPA cover in the new membership rules on GOV.UK.

The DfE Find a Framework tool can help you find the best deal for anything not covered by the RPA.

Risk Protection

Arrangement (RPA)

Assured risk protection for schools and academies



Search Risk Protection Arrangement



Increasing benefits

In 2018 the RPA expanded its offer to include Cultural Assets and Overseas Travel (including winter sports).

Benefits also include simple, standardised membership terms and conditions, free risk management support and training, and an expert support team.

Further information on the RPA can be found on GOV.UK.

Customer service

RPA members benefit from a team of specialists, offering support and answers to any questions you may have about the RPA membership and cover.

For academies, contact:
Academies.RPA@education.gov.uk

For local authority maintained schools, contact:
LAMS.RPA@education.gov.uk

Further guidance and support from DfE

The RPA is part of the Schools Commercial Team (SCT) in the DfE. They provide support to schools and academies to improve how they buy goods and services. Search 'Buying for Schools' on GOV.UK for more information.



Our members say...

"We would recommend RPA to other academies without reservation. They have helped and supported us through a very difficult time."

Clare Cope, Burnley Road Academy

"There was a very swift response when we contacted the scheme. We made an initial call on the Sunday, 6th December, as the flood waters were still rising, and the loss adjuster was with us on the Tuesday, 8th December."

Jo Hawkin, Trinity School

Thanks very much for your support to Sidegate - this has been a hectic week, and your assistance with our claim has made everything more manageable. I appreciate it."

Sidegate Primary School

Ready to join?

Joining is simple and takes less than 5 minutes. There are no forms and RPA operates on a no material fact disclosure basis therefore we don't need estate/buildings/contents valuations or review your schools risk rating.

For academies, Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will deduct £18 per pupil (per place in special and Alternative Provision academies) from an academy's General Annual Grant (GAG).

For local authority maintained schools, an £18 per pupil deduction will be made to the local authority's Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

RPA pricing is subject to annual review.

To sign-up and start getting the benefits of the RPA, search "Risk Protection Arrangement" on GOV.UK.

