

## for parents

information that should be shared with parents

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### **What is the National Tuition Plan?**

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport has prepared a National Tuition Plan that is intended to help alleviate the negative impacts of the disruptions to in-person learning caused as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been primarily designed for pupils who are in danger of failing at school and, in extreme cases, even of dropping out of education altogether. These pupils have experienced significant deterioration in their education results.

### **Does the tuition or supplementary education also involve our school?**

The plan supports all primary and secondary schools and conservatories in the Czech Republic in realising individual and group tuition or supplementary education for their pupils. The schools have received funds according to a mathematical model that uses the number of pupils requiring tuition as reported by the schools in a survey organised by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport from 5 to 16 November 2021 and the derived number of disadvantaged pupils at the given school based on the data received from the schools. The model calculates the numbers of pupils in three groups in descending order according to the degree of disadvantage and the amount by which the students have fallen behind. The first phase of tuition support took place from 1.9. to 31.12.2021 and will continue to the end of the 2022/2023 school year.

### **Who will tutor my child?**

The tuition or supplementary education may be provided by teachers from the given or a nearby school, teaching assistants, students or retired teachers. Likewise, the tuition may also be provided by volunteers from any non-profit organisations that are active in your area. They will then become school employees and will be entitled to remuneration at the maximum amount of 250 CZK/hour. The tuition or supplementary education should especially take place in person and should focus on the main subjects.

### **Is the tuition or supplementary education compulsory?**

The pupils will be included in the tuition or the supplementary education on the basis of a decision of the school using the given criteria (you can find them [HERE](#)). The tuition or supplementary education does not constitute part of the child's compulsory school and it is mainly subject to an agreement with your school. This is a great opportunity which it would be a pity to miss out on and not a "spectre" meant to torment anybody. It is normal that some people cannot do everything perfectly right away or are not keen about all the subjects at school. That is why there are people here to help. If you are interested in tuition or supplementary education for your child as part of this program, please consult your school's head teacher or their class teacher about getting your child included in the program.

### **How will the tuition or supplementary education help?**

The supplementary education program will enable pupils to deal in detail with any topic that they have not understood or which has not engaged their interest. Thanks to the individual approach, the pupils will have a unique opportunity to ask questions or to build up a relationship with a subject that previously may not have meant anything to them and this may change their formerly unfavourable view of the subject. At the same time, the pupils will also be able to establish a better relationship with the tutor, no matter whether this involves a teacher or a new friend in the form of an external tutor.

From a long-term point of view, the inclusion of the pupils in the program will most probably have a positive impact on their future income. According to an OECD report, every year of education increases the future income of pupils by 7.5–10% on average. The state's investment in the program will likewise be returned, because the current inclusion of the pupils in the program and their improved future life situation will have a positive impact on productivity, GDP and tax collection from a macroeconomic point of view.

### **What makes the education provided by the National Plan unique and interesting?**

The National Tuition Plan is a supplementary education program aimed at expanding pupils' knowledge!

- it is free (paid for by the state from an EU fund called Next Generation EU),
- it is organised by the school management,
- an individual approach, small groups and individuals,
- with cooperation not only from already known teachers and school employees,
- but also from the representatives of non-profit organisations, university students and other individuals, for example grandmothers and grandfathers, whose fount of knowledge is often overlooked;
- value added to the timetable or instead of afternoon clubs,
- mainly in-person tuition, but also online in justified cases
- the tuition that started in autumn 2021 will continue from January 2022
- It was originally established to help fill in the gaps in the knowledge of pupils who had had difficulties joining in remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is available to everybody and not just to "F students".
- Thanks to the program, students will not only make up what they did not manage to do at school, but they can also ask about anything that interests them, which there is not usually time for in lessons, and they can find out about things that they did not even know that they were interested in!

*In the interests of clarity, the terms "parent" and "pupil" here are also generally considered to mean any other "legal guardian" and "ward". Pupils and students who are of age can resolve the situation themselves and do not need their parents' involvement.*

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