Funding update announcement
6 May 2024

Last week, Minister Stanford publicly announced the details of the Ministry’s rollout of the Structured Literacy Approach. As part of this initiative, we are disappointed to inform you that, starting from the 2025 school year, Ministry of Education (MoE) funding for Reading Recovery & Early Literacy Support (RR&ELS) will no longer be available.

We remain committed to supporting our Reading Recovery teachers and schools and will continue providing training and trained teacher support through to the end of January 2025.

We understand the significant impact this decision may have on you, your ākonga, teachers, and school community. Your dedication to improving the literacy skills of our most vulnerable tamariki has not gone unnoticed, and we sincerely appreciate your efforts.

We are working closely with the MoE on a transition plan to support you and will keep you updated as soon as we hear more details to shape this plan.

If you have any questions regarding the delivery of RR&ELS services for the remainder of 2024, please feel free to connect with your local facilitator.

Additionally, if you need clarification on how this decision will affect your school in 2025 and beyond, please reach out to your local Ministry of Education office.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to educational excellence.

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We are in this waka together

FAQs regarding the RR&ELS funding ending announcement

When is RR&ELS funding ending?
RR&ELS will not be funded by the Ministry of Education after the current contract ends in Jan 2025.
How will this impact schools and teachers?
From 2025 the Ministry of Education will no longer fund RR&ELS teachers, or the professional development and support of RR&ELS in schools.

What support will be available during the transition?
The current RR&ELS providers will continue to support teachers and schools until the contract ends in Jan 2025.

How can schools prepare for the changes in 2025?
We are working closely with the Ministry of Education to understand how we best to support the needs of teachers and schools in our network. We will keep you up to date on transition planning as information comes to hand.

What about students currently receiving RR&ELS support?
Students currently accessing RR&ELS support will still be supported up to the end of the 2024 school year.

Where can educators find additional information?
If there are questions about the delivery of RR&ELS for the remainder of 2024, please connect with your local RR&ELS facilitator.
For questions about funding of roles, or the support of literacy in 2025 and beyond, please reach out to the Ministry of Education.