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Birmingham schools

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Schools Commercial Team – our services

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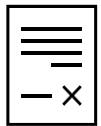
Buying guidance



DfE approved frameworks



Procurement help and support



Contract management training

Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA)



Alternative to commercial insurance



Includes cyber cover



Flood, fire & crime resilience

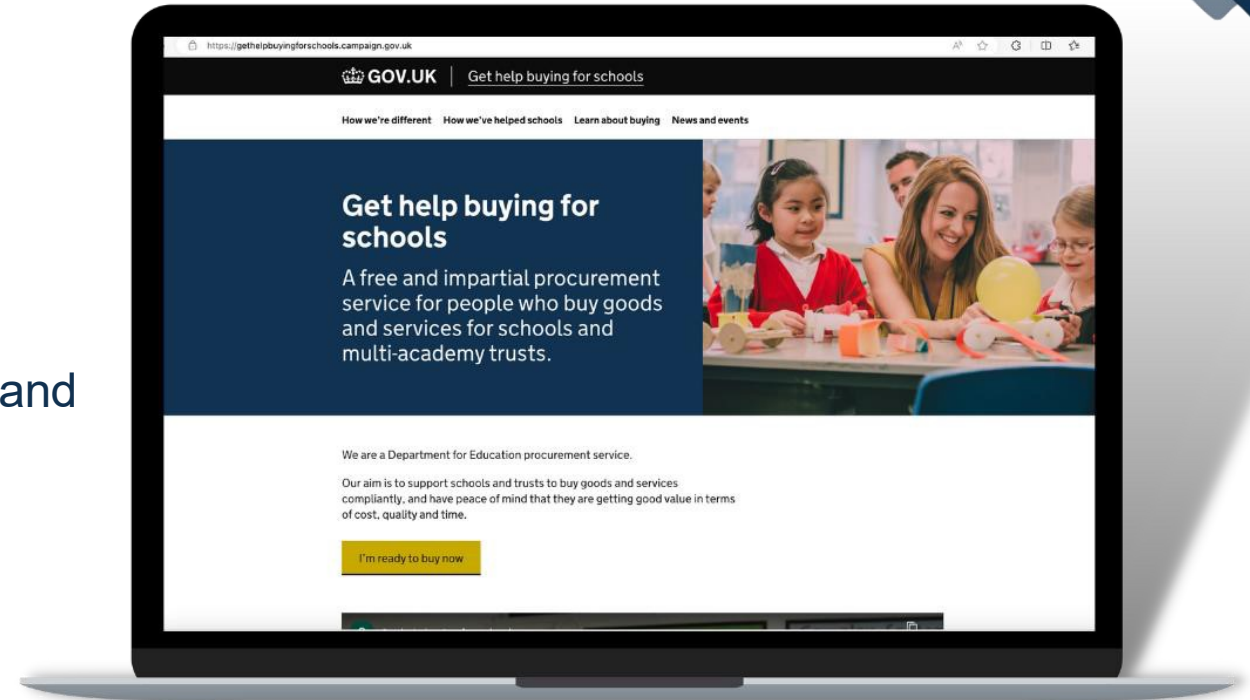


Risk management advice and training

Get help buying for schools

Get help buying for schools is:

- a **free** and **impartial** procurement service
- delivered directly by the DfE
- available to all state funded schools and trusts in England



Access the service here – [Get help buying for schools](https://gethelpbuyingforschools.campaign.gov.uk)

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Free and impartial support that will help you...

Enter better value commercial deals, saving you money

Save time as we support you through the buying process

Have peace of mind that you are compliant

Feel better equipped to deliver future procurements



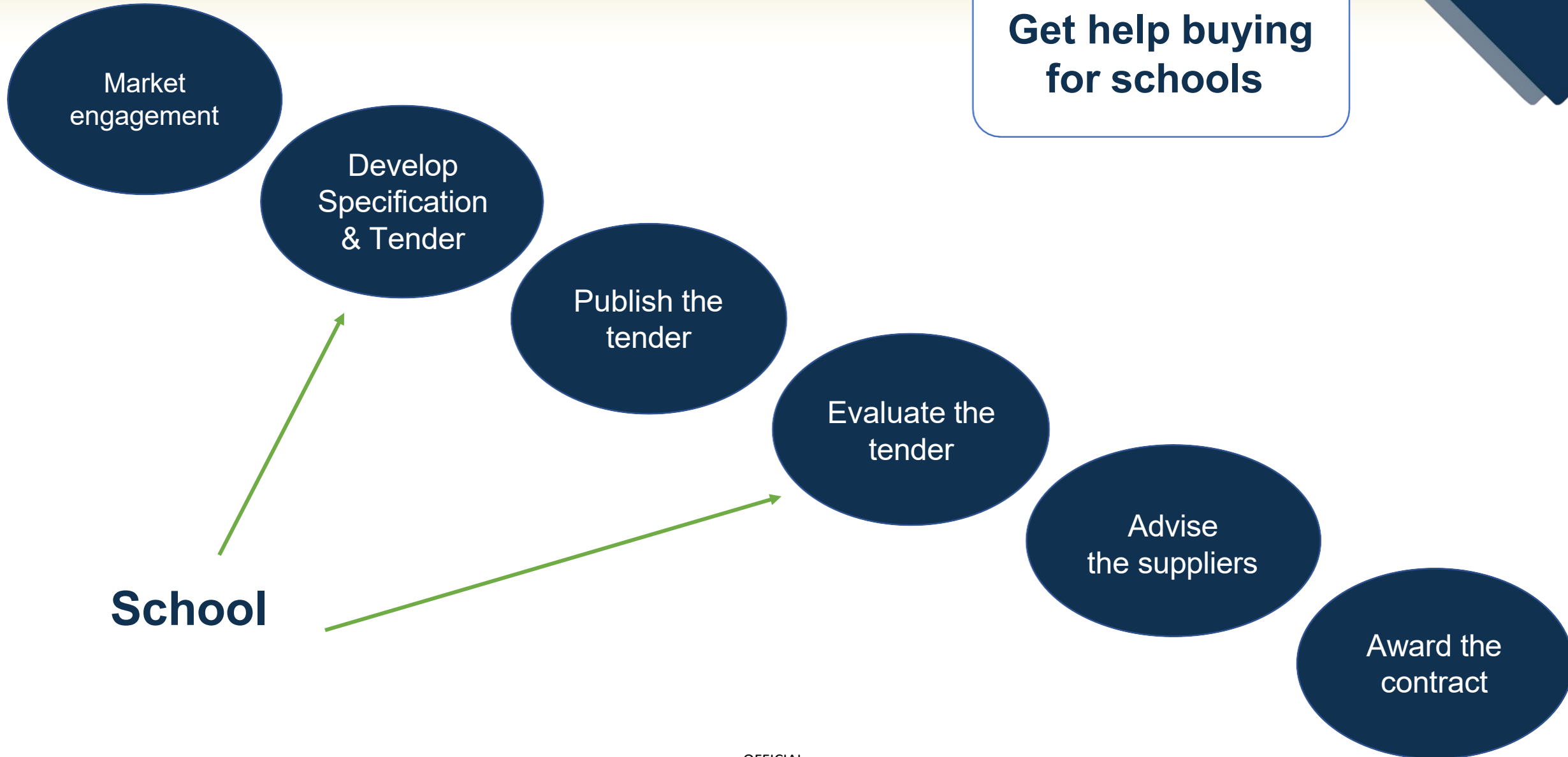
How do we deliver this?

- DfE procurement operations team created with staff that include over 200 years of multi-sector, award-winning procurement expertise across:
 - public sector
 - private sector
 - third sector
- Based in Darlington, Manchester and Sheffield, but with national reach
- We only support schools and have growing expertise across the sector

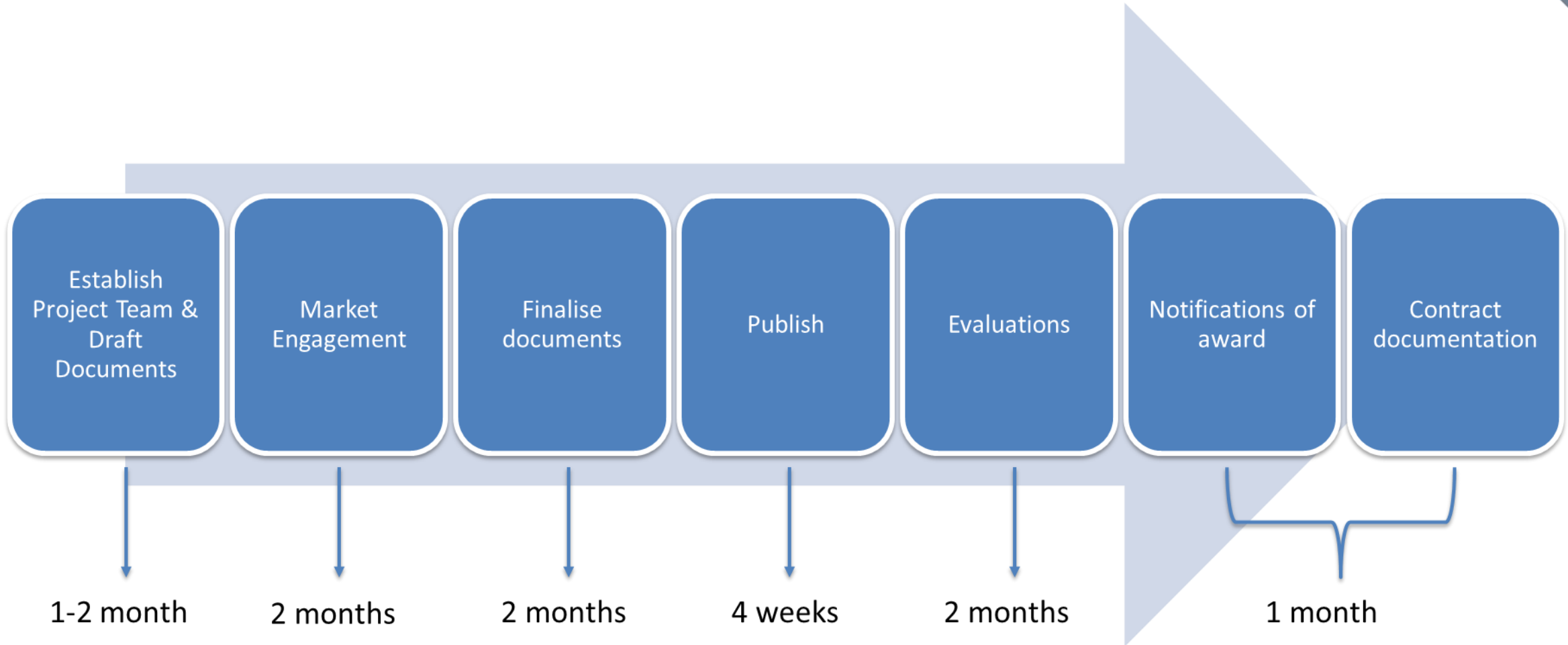


End-to-end procurement support

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Procurement Timescales – High level



Next Steps

October 24

- Initial meeting with all Stakeholders
- Participation Agreement signed 25th Oct

January 25

- Publish final documents

March – April 25

- Evaluate submissions

Nov – Dec 24

- Document Preparation
- Including: TUPE info, Data per site, Specification

February - March 25

- Out to market / Suppliers completing documents



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Questions?

Thank you

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