

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

Minutes from the Virtual Chair and Vice Chair of Governors - 20 May

Minutes from the above meeting are now available. Please bear in mind that the meeting took place two weeks ago, so some of the advice may have been superseded by Government/DfE guidance by now. The minutes can be viewed at:

http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Final-Minutes-C-of-G-Virtual-Meeting-20_05_2020.pdf

DfE Updates

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus outbreak

What childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The guidance has been updated to include a restructure of the document in line with wider opening, updated content on funding including in relation to the Competition and Markets Authority and insurance, updated content on infection prevention and control, a new section on attendance, new information on the use of community centres and before and after school clubs, a new section of safeguarding and welfare including provisions for children with SEND and a clarification on paediatric first aid certificates.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

What parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak

Information for parents and carers about the wider opening of nurseries, schools and colleges, transport, attendance, free school meals and remote education.

NEW AND UPDATED INFORMATION: This report contains both new and updated information on what parents and carers need to know about schools, colleges and other education settings during the coronavirus outbreak. This includes information on the curriculum, afterschool activities, repeating a year for pupils, transport and keeping children safe online. The DfE has also amended information on whether it is compulsory to send pupils to educational settings and education for children at home. It has also included updated information for parents of children with special education needs.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Parliament Education Select Committee

The Parliament Education Select Committee met again this morning to take further evidence on The Impact of COVID19 on Education and Children's Services.

Giving evidence this morning were:

Anne Longfield OBE, Children's Commissioner at Children's Commissioner for England; David Laws, Executive Chairman at Education Policy Institute; Natalie Perera, Executive Director at Education Policy Institute; Professor Becky Francis, Chief Executive at Education Endowment Foundation; James Turner, Chief Executive at The Sutton Trust; Ms Susannah Hardyman, Chief Executive at Action Tutoring.

The video recording or sound-only recording can be found at:

<https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/32a686b3-3375-4301-8bc3-3557d437b0e0>

Kooth

Further information has been provided for schools in relation to Kooth from the Northumberland CCG:

Introducing Kooth: A new online mental wellbeing community for children and young people in Northumberland

As the UK lockdown measures are easing, now more than ever, we need to be alert to signs that our children may be experiencing anxiety, depression or low mood. Many pupils across the UK are returning to school this week after months of being away from the classroom. At the same time, many children are remaining at home, isolated from their friends and potentially feeling left out.

In response to this, NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is introducing a new digital package of mental health support for Children and Young people (C&YP) in Northumberland called Kooth.

In approximately five weeks' time, professionals can refer children and young people into Kooth's free, confidential and anonymous online support and counselling service which includes self-help resources, magazine articles, links to crisis support, safeguarded and monitored live drop-in sessions and also 1-1 scheduled counselling with qualified professionals. CY&P can receive up to six sessions of counselling support from Kooth before either moving on, or in some cases being escalated to the CNTW CYPS service where needed. CY&P can also self-refer into the service.

Kooth will be accessible through any device with internet access, including; laptop, smart phone, or tablet.

Jonny Cardwell, consultant community paediatrician and child health lead for NHS Northumberland CCG talks more about what we can expect to see from Kooth in this [video](#).

Friends Online Training Update - Public Health Funding of Resources to Deliver Interventions

We are pleased to announce that Public Health are supporting the roll out of the FRIENDS resilience programmes across Northumberland. Public Health funding will enable schools who have accessed the online facilitator training to run their first intervention group without additional costs for facilitator manuals or participant workbooks.

If your staff have **completed** the facilitator training, they will receive an email from Iulia Udrescu-Clarke asking about plans for delivery in the setting. Credits for manuals and workbooks for **the first planned intervention** will then be credited to the appropriate online account. Resources are limited.

It is still possible to sign up for the free online facilitator training courses. Information about the programmes and a form to sign up for the training are available [here](#). If you have any questions please email Katinka.Bryan@Northumberland.gov.uk or Iulia.Udrescu-Clarks@northumberland.gov.uk

Future Stars Pre-Conference Webinar

You may recall that on a previous Update, I mentioned the *Global Bridge North East Future Stars2020* online conference on 17th June. I am aware that a number of our schools have now registered for this event, which is good news.

The organiser, Ben Mason, has been in contact today to offer Northumberland schools a pre-conference webinar, if schools think that it would be useful.

Can you let me know with a one-sentence [email](#) if you are interested and I will ask Ben to arrange it? The original Update article is below:

An organisation that we have worked with in the past, Global Bridge, are hosting an online conference for students and schools to support careers education. The event publicity says:

'We've gone digital! Future Stars 2020 will now be hosted online, as a virtual event meaning you can participate and enjoy the day from the comfort of your own home! Join us on the 17th of June for a fantastic day filled with prizes, advice and tips from top employers and much much more.

This is your opportunity to explore exciting pathways and discover the skills needed to succeed.

Learn how to develop your career pathways, break into the industries you're interested in, and showcase your talent to the top employers.'

More details and booking for the event, and more information on Global Bridge, can be found at:

<https://www.myglobalbridge.com/futurestarsnew>