

# Headteachers' Update

## The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

### REMINDER: Northumberland Director of Public Health Conference, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm.

Our Director of Public Health, Liz Morgan, and Karen Herne, our Senior Public Health Manager, will be hosting a public health video conference for headteachers tomorrow, Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Liz and Karen will update headteachers on the current situation and will take any questions that you may have. The joining instructions are below. I hope that as many headteachers as possible will participate.

[https://teams.microsoft.com//meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZmYyZmZiMmYtZTkxOC00NzM2LTkyNTgtNDk3MTcwNjkyMWZj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22bb13a9de-8290-42f0-a980-dc3bdfe70f40%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22940c1b3a-21a4-4c5b-9886-1eeb58dd66f1%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com//meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmYyZmZiMmYtZTkxOC00NzM2LTkyNTgtNDk3MTcwNjkyMWZj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22bb13a9de-8290-42f0-a980-dc3bdfe70f40%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22940c1b3a-21a4-4c5b-9886-1eeb58dd66f1%22%7d)

### Tomorrow's Locality Headteacher Meeting

Our weekly Locality Headteacher Meeting takes place at 1pm tomorrow, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you have not already done so, please let [Deborah Anderson](#) know who will be representing your locality. It will be finished by 2.30pm to enable you to join the Public Health conference immediately afterwards.

### Weekly HR Drop-In for Headteachers, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-10.30pm

This week's HR Drop In Call with Christina Ponting and her Schools HR Team will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 9.30 to 10.30 am. This is the link to join the call - [HR Drop In](#).

### Schools HR Update - Advice for Governors: COVID-19 CEV/CV, BAME or others who deem themselves to be vulnerable

Schools HR have produced a [guidance note](#) to assist Chairs of Governors if they have a Headteacher who identifies in the CEV/CV /BAME categories. The link is below.

If there are any queries, please contact the HR helpline on 0191 643 8026 or via email to [schoolhr@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schoolhr@northumberland.gov.uk).

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/NCC-Schools-HR-update-governors-advice-160620.docx>

### Parliament Education Selection Committee

The Parliamentary Education Select Committee met again this morning to continue investigating 'The impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services'.

Today's meeting was particularly interesting with evidence being provided by leaders of the teaching unions, MAT Chief Executives and the Local Government Association.

The video or audio recording can be found at: <https://parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/de64448d-2e6c-4684-b520-822591f4e085>

### DfE Updates

**Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
COLLECTIONS OF GUIDANCE: What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

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**Early years and childcare: coronavirus (COVID-19)**

COLLECTIONS OF GUIDANCE: What early years providers need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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

**Local authority children's services: coronavirus (COVID-19)**

COLLECTIONS OF GUIDANCE: What local authority children's services need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/local-authority-childrens-services-coronavirus-covid-19>

**Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care**

Preventing and controlling infection, including the use of PPE, in education, childcare and children's social care settings during the coronavirus outbreak.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The guidance has been updated to clarify PPE advice and changes in access to testing.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care>

**Awarding qualifications in summer 2020**

Information for schools, students and parents on how GCSE, AS, A level, vocational and technical qualifications will be graded and awarded in summer 2020.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: The private candidate policy has been updated and there is an update on summer 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level grades for students in year 10 and below and for private candidates moved to Exceptional arrangements for exam grading and assessment in 2020. There is also additional guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm\\_source=1a7536ef-e39c-432b-886a-3b0c4620efb8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020?utm_source=1a7536ef-e39c-432b-886a-3b0c4620efb8&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing**

Advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

UPDATED GUIDANCE: Guidance has been added on support bubbles.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing?utm\\_source=e23873ca-148d-4fb4-8ec1-5dea2673d582&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing?utm_source=e23873ca-148d-4fb4-8ec1-5dea2673d582&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Keeping Children Safe in Education**

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.

DRAFT NEW DOCUMENTATION: 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (from 1 September 2020)'.

This document is for information only and does not come into force until 1 September 2020 – please continue to refer to KCSIE 2019 until then.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2>