

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

Public Health Webinar Thursday 18th June

As promised, following Thursday's Public Health webinar, find below the link to the presentation by Karen Herne that opened the meeting. The presentation now includes the flowchart that headteachers requested at the meeting:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Covid-Guidance-for-Schools-TT-18.6.20.pdf>

An updated COVID19 Public Health Q&A can be found below:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/North-East-Schools-COVID-19-QA-final-18.6.20.docx>

Finally, the link below will take you to a recording of the question and answer session, led by Liz Morgan, the Northumberland Director of Public Health, that followed Karen's presentation:

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/130f6a41-0698-4fa5-853e-39513ae0b8b1>

Keeping Children Safe in Education for September 2020

Last week the government published the update [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) for September 2020.

A video summary of the new document is available from Andrew Hall (Independent Safeguarding Consultant) [here](#).

The most important change is in the definition of safeguarding. Other areas of note include managing allegations against supply teachers, and the explicit inclusion of mental health.

Schools will need to ensure that their safeguarding and child protection policy, and other related policies, are updated for September. In some cases, you will need to create new procedures, for example, what to do if there are allegations about supply teachers.

The current version remains in use until September.

Transition for Y4, Y6 and Y8

At the last North East Regional Heads of Education meeting, several local authorities noted that their schools had plans in place to move Y4 and/or Y6 and/or Y8 pupils up to their respective middle, secondary or high school for some or all of July. This action was to support strong transition and, in some cases, to provide additional capacity at the first/primary school for wider opening.

Please let me know if you are considering this within your locality school partnerships as we would want to recognise and support this as best we can.

HR Weekly Drop-In

Our School HR Service have arranged this week's HR Drop In for next **Friday, 26th June 2020, 9.30 to 10.30 am**. The link to the Drop-In is here: [HR Drop In Call](#).

DfE Updates

There are no DfE updates to bring to your attention!

Schools HR Update

Schools HR have issued an update on DBS checks for volunteers in schools after a 3 month 'gap': <http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/HRDBS.docx>