

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

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DfE PRESS RELEASE: This is the DfE press release announcing the extension of the FSM scheme to cover the summer holiday period and the summer schemes planned for some areas.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-children-to-benefit-from-free-meals-and-activities>

Education Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 19 June 2020

Education Secretary on the Government's £1 billion COVID19 catch-up plan to tackle impact of lost teaching time

STATEMENT: This statement explains the DfE's summer plan for some areas of the country.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-19-june-2020>

DfE Assets for possible use on school social media and websites re Wider Opening of Schools

NEW: The DfE has designed some new assets to use on school and local authority social media and websites. The aim of them is to inform and reassure parents as schools open more widely. It is the school's decision as to whether to use any of them. You can find them at:

<https://showcase.dropbox.com/s/Wider-opening-of-schools-Public-Service-Communications-uTAfVXHE4GJkrtNTBqXr>

Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus outbreak

DATA: A summary of attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April has been published by the DfE

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings>

Early career framework reforms

NEW: Details on the professional development available to early career teachers at the start of their careers, underpinned by the early career framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-career-framework-reforms>

Choose a provider for the early career roll-out support package

NEW: Information from the DfE as to how school leaders can select a provider and sign up for professional development for their early career teachers

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/choose-a-provider-for-the-early-roll-out-support-package>

Extra support for new teachers amid surge in applications

DfE PRESS RELEASE: Up to 5,000 early career teachers to receive additional support, with twelve per cent more applications to teacher training compared to last year

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-support-for-new-teachers-amid-surge-in-applications>

UPDATE: Public Health Webinar,

The Northumberland Director of public Health, Liz Morgan, has updated the presentation from last Thursday that I sent out last night. Please delete the presentation that you received yesterday and use this one instead. The revised presentation can be found at:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Covid-Guidance-for-Schools-TT-18.6.20-2.pdf>

The Q&A document that I sent out remains the same, but I have included the link below:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/North-East-Schools-COVID-19-QA-final-18.6.20-1.docx>

KOOTH – the New Online Mental Wellbeing Community for Children and Young People in Northumberland

KOOTH was launched yesterday. [Kooth](#) is a new digital package of mental health support for Children and Young people (C&YP) aged between 11 and 25. It is a 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.

Children and young people 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. The service is accessible through any device with internet access, including; laptop, smart phone, or tablet. Healthcare professionals can refer in patients and patients can also self-refer.

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](#). Read more about the launch [here](#).

School Improvement: 'News and Inspiration'

The School Improvement Team has created the 3rd edition of 'News and Inspiration'. Schools across the county have contributed to the presentation by sending photos, links and information about the incredible work they are doing at the moment.

It has been added to the School Improvement Teams' staff padlet:

https://nlandeducation.padlet.org/gill_finch2/staff and is on School 360. You can also find it at: [News & Inspiration - \(Edition 3\)](#).

Children in Lockdown

The Children's Trust charity have produced a document on the impact of the coronavirus crisis on children living in poverty that you may be interested in reading:

<https://view.publitas.com/the-childhood-trust/children-in-lockdown-the-childhood-trust-report-june-2020/page/1>

SkillsBuilder Accelerator Programme

A limited number of free places on the SkillsBuilder Accelerator Programme are available. It describes itself as "*an innovative programme for embedding high-quality essential skills teaching*" and you can find the programme prospectus [here](#).

There are up to six free places available. If you are interested in taking up one of these places for a member of your staff, please contact me as soon as possible. I need to know by the end of this week.