

Headteachers' Update

The Daily 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

DfE Updates

PE and Sport Premium for schools confirmed

NEWS: The Education Secretary has confirmed the £320 million of funding for the PE & Sport Premium for the next academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pe-and-sport-premium-for-schools-confirmed>

Should any schools require any support or advice around PE and School Sport, you should contact Franki Clark on 0781575 8489 / fclark@activenorthumberland.org.uk.

Free Association for Physical Education PE Webinar:

'A Legacy for all Children and Young People through the Primary PE and Sport Premium'

Join **Sue Wilkinson MBE** this **Wednesday** for a **free webinar** focusing on the continued investment and how to plan for a **sustainable future** to ensure the best outcomes for children and young people. Details as follows:

Title: ['A Legacy for all Children and Young People through the Primary PE and Sport Premium'](#)

Time and Date: 4.30pm on Wednesday 8th July 2020.

Duration: 45 minutes, including the opportunity to ask questions.

Hosted by: Sue Wilkinson MBE.

Please note: There are only **1000** places available, these are on a first come, first served basis. A recording of the webinar and presentation slides will be uploaded to the [members area](#) following the broadcast.

Click [HERE](#) to register your **free** place.

Education Secretary's statement on coronavirus (COVID-19): 02 July 2020

SPEECH: Last Friday, the Education Secretary gave a speech on the Government's plans for all pupils to return to schools, colleges, nurseries and other education settings in September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretarys-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-02-july-2020>

Teaching mathematics in primary schools

NEW: The DfE has published new non-statutory guidance for the teaching of mathematics at Key Stages 1 and 2 to help pupils progress through the national curriculum.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-mathematics-in-primary-schools>

National curriculum in England: mathematics programmes of study

UPDATED: The statutory programmes of study and attainment targets for mathematics at key stages 1 to 4.

The DfE has added a link to its guidance on teaching mathematics at Key Stages 1 and 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-mathematics-programmes-of-study>

OfSTED Inspection from September:

Ofsted's autumn 2020 plans - an update from OfSTED. I bet you couldn't wait for this one:

OfSTED has published its plans for visiting schools, further education and skills, early years and children's social care providers this autumn.

OfSTED will be carrying out a phased return to inspection, starting with an interim period of visits during the autumn term. OfSTED intend to resume full inspections in January 2021.

Full details can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-plans-from-september-2020>

OfSTED HMCI commentary: Our plans for the autumn

The HMCI, Amanda Spielman, has published a commentary regarding OFSTED's planned work in education and social care, as schools and colleges prepare to re-open for all pupils.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hmci-commentary-our-plans-for-the-autumn>

OfSTED Press Release: Ofsted to visit when schools and colleges return in the autumn

Ofsted will start visiting schools and colleges after the summer holidays to see how they are getting back up to speed, after being closed to most pupils and learners for so long.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-to-visit-when-schools-and-colleges-return-in-the-autumn>

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Schools HR Update

Schools HR provided a headteacher update this afternoon (Monday) as a single agenda item which included a short presentation on what we believed some of the HR/ people management issues/ considerations were from the 'Guidance for full opening-schools' followed by a Q&A. We said that we would also offer some additional drop-in's (in addition to our standard HR Drop In) until the end of term and note those as follows:

- Tuesday 7th July / Wednesday 8th July / Tuesday 14th / Wednesday 15th - additional HR Drop-In's at 12.30 pm for 30 minutes. The aim of these additional drop-ins is for us to provide up-to date advice/ guidance/ feedback as things evolve over the days to the end of term.
- We are also looking to schedule in updates over the summer break and up to the end of September (at this stage) - we will advise within due course of when these will take place/ frequency/ timings.

We have also noted below the Schools HR Schedule for the next two weeks for ease of reference:

- **NEW** Tuesday, 7th July - 30 minute drop in at 12.30 pm - Link to join the meeting is [here](#)
- **NEW** Wednesday, 8th July - 30 minute drop in at 12.30 pm - Link to join the meeting is [here](#)
- Friday, 10th July - standard HR drop in already in diaries from 9.30 am - Link to join the meeting is [here](#)
- **NEW** Tuesday, 14th July - 30 minute drop in at 12.30 pm - Link to join the meeting is [here](#)
- **NEW** Wednesday, 15th July - 30 minute drop in at 12.30 pm - Link to join the meeting is [here](#)
- Friday, 17th July - standard HR drop in already in diaries from 9.30 am

Today's HR Update

Many thanks to all those headteachers that participated in today's HR Update webinar. The presentation used by Christina and the Schools HR team can be found here:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Schools-HR-Update.pdf>

A quick reminder that all the documents relevant to the September opening are available at:

<http://northumberlandeducation.co.uk/september/>

DfE IT Kit Update

I am delighted to be able to tell you that all of the devices for Year 10 disadvantaged pupils were delivered to schools last Friday, having arrived at County Hall on Thursday. Schools and settings have been contacted about the number and type of device they will be receiving for young people open to social care, and delivery will be undertaken this week and next. Dongles (for young people open to social care) will be delivered by social workers to families directly.

Many thanks to Dave Cookson for all his work on this initiative over the last few months.

Teachers should be vigilant for signs of abuse when schools reopen, NSPCC says

Teachers should be extra vigilant for signs of neglect and abuse when schools reopen, the NSPCC has said. The children's charity has urged the Government to give school staff a crash-course over the summer holidays in how to handle disclosures from pupils and how to spot red flags.

Further details can be found at: [Sunday Telegraph](#).

CONTACT – The Association for Families with Disabled Children

In light of the CV-19 pandemic, Contact has been adapting its support offer for families. It has adapted its workshops to online options so that families can continue to connect with each other and gain useful information and advice at the same time. It has also set up new, "Listening Ear" 1-1 confidential phone appointments with our family support advisers for parents who would like to talk to someone for reassurance and practical and emotional support at this time.

These are all FREE for families and the Workshop dates and "Listening Ear" appointments are listed on the Contact website.

If you know a family who may benefit from either of these options please tell them where to book on. It would also be really helpful if you can share this information and the links to our website with any colleagues, friends or networks that can help us tell families about the support that we have for them. The more families that Contact can reach and support, the better!

Workshops

<https://www.contact.org.uk/about-us/family-workshops/>

Listening Ear

[https://www.contact.org.uk/news-and-blogs/introducing-our-new-1-1-listening-ear-service-\(1\)/](https://www.contact.org.uk/news-and-blogs/introducing-our-new-1-1-listening-ear-service-(1)/)

COVID -19 Information Pages

<https://www.contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/covid-19/>

More details from: Gail Walshe, Director of Participation and Regional Development
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Would you like to influence the kind of support available to your school from the arts, cultural and heritage sector?

Culture Bridge North East is working with all Bridge organisations across the UK to gather intelligence on how we can better understand your needs and support you in the new academic year.

Culture Bridge has asked if you could complete a survey which should take about 10 minutes of your time. Your opinion will be reflected in the advice offered to creative professionals working with children and young people all over the country. Analysis of the findings will help Culture Bridge to support you and influence how you might gain access to support from the arts, cultural and heritage sector.

Please find the link to the survey [here](#) The survey will close on 16 July, 5pm.

If you have any questions, please send them to bridge@twmuseums.org.uk.

For those who do not know, Culture Bridge North East, one of 10 regional Bridge organisations funded by Arts Council England. Find out more about us and other Bridges [here](#). Feel free to share amongst your professional network.