

Headteachers' Update

For Schools and Academies

DfE Updates

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): travel corridors](#)

Page summary - List of countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate.

Change made - Lesvos, Santorini, Serifos and Zakynthos will be added to the England travel corridor list at 4am Saturday 10 October 2020.

[How to complete the educational setting status form](#)

Page summary - This data will help the government monitor the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on settings, focus support more effectively and keep children safe.

Change made - Revised the existing list of questions for schools, (which have now been reformatted as a PDF file), clarified when settings should submit the form and published a separate list of questions for FE settings.

[Effect of pandemic on children's wellbeing revealed in new report](#)

Page summary - State of the Nation report provides an in-depth picture of the experiences of children and young people during the pandemic and how it affected their wellbeing.

Change made - First published.

[Flexible working ambassador schools](#)

Page summary - Find out how to become a flexible working ambassador school, how to apply for funding and the overall aims of the programme.

Change made - First published.

[Students to be given more time to prepare for 2021 exams](#)

Page summary - Exams will go ahead next summer, underpinned by contingencies for all possible scenarios.

Change made - First published.

Senior Mental Health Leads Virtual Conference:

We are inviting Senior Mental Health Leads to a virtual Zoom conference being held on **Thursday November 5th 10am –4 pm.**

The day will cover the DfE's Wellbeing for Education Return programme. The three main sessions will cover:

- a whole school implementation looking at both the neuroscience as well as strategies to build resilience and wellbeing
- understanding some specific presentations, including anxiety, bereavement and loss, stress and trauma
- staff wellbeing

We will be following an interactive workshop format for these sessions with opportunities to discuss, with colleagues from other settings, the content delivered.

There will be a follow up offer to support the cascade delivery of this in your school if required. Please sign up using the following [form](#).

The places will initially be limited to one per education setting however if there are reasons you would like more places please contact nell.gair@northumberland.gov.uk

Northumberland County Council Schools Insurance Offer

We are currently in the process of going out to tender for our insurance policies our current agreement ends on 31st March 2021, our charges for the 2021/21 financial year irrespective of the tender process are competitive. We are confident that the insurers will respond to the RPA.

The added value your school will receive going forward includes:

- A locked in term of insurance with a fixed charge for a period of 2 years.
- A tailored package of insurances.
- Access to a the 'Safer Schools App' to support the school in all its Risk Management needs.
- Access to claims handling function.
- Direct contact via the NCC Insurance Section for all your insurance queries.

We can confirm that the charge will be £25 per pupil per year with a two-year fixed price guarantee, cover will be as per the normal arrangements set out on the schools' portal.

Additional cover for school journeys, PTA and school minibus for 2021/22 will be priced separately and advertised via the portal as follows:

School Journeys - 70p per pupil

PTA - £150

School Minibus -£750 per vehicle

All Risks - Costed upon request

Could you please confirm by 23 October 2020 if you wish to take up the insurance offer, if not the Council will exclude your school from its tendering process.

Please confirm your intentions via email to

Insurance@Northumberland.Gov.Uk

Should you wish to discuss anything with regard to the insurance do not hesitate to contact Gary Stewart, Insurance Compliance Manager on telephone number 01670 623179.