

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

Flu Immunisation Programme

It is intended that all Secondary age pupils will be added to the annual flu immunisation programme in the Autumn. This means all children from Reception to Yr 11 will be offered a vaccination in school. Details about the arrangements will be made available nearer the time.

National Child Measurement Programme

The School Health team will start the National Child Measurement Programme from the **10th May. This is earlier than usual** in order to allow turnaround time and additional support for families who require it, before the summer holidays. The team will contact schools directly to arrange.

NCC Apprenticeship levy - COVID incentive grant

We wanted to inform you about the latest Government update regarding the COVID incentive grant and how you could benefit as part of NCC Levy payers.

"Employers will receive £3,000 for **new employees** of any age who start their apprenticeship from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021"

The incentive payment is in addition to the **£1,000** employers already receive for hiring an apprentice:

- **aged 16 to 18 years old**
- **under 25 with an EHCP or who has been in the care of their local authority.**

How we can help....?

Northumberland Learning and Skills Service offer a range of apprenticeships to support your school and support employees into their dream profession.

We offer:

- Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Standard
- Level 3 Early Years Educator Standard
- Level 3 Teaching Assistant Standard
- Level 2 Customer Service Standard
- Level 3 Business Administrator Standard

Our expert occupationally competent lecturers provide quality off the job training for the apprentice and will assist and guide you with the on-the-job learning required for the relevant Apprenticeship Standard.

For further details on the incentive please click [here](#).

As your the school is part of NCC Levy, **all** the training cost is covered.

You will need to pay the salary* for the duration of the standard *please see below the pay rates:*

Aged 16 to 18

The current [National Minimum Wage rate](#) for an apprentice is £4.30 per hour.

Aged 19 or over and in their first year

The current [National Minimum Wage rate](#) for an apprentice is £4.30 per hour.

Aged 19 or over and have completed their first year

Apprentices will be entitled to the [National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage rate](#) for their age

The apprentice must be employed for the minimum of 30 hours per week in the job role that matches and aligns to the appropriate Standard.

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