

Headteachers' Update

The 5 O'Clock Update For Schools

[Providing school meals during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Page summary: Guidance for schools and local authorities on school meals arrangements during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Change made: Updated 'Providing school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak' to remove information on the claims window for additional costs and confirm the extension of the COVID Local Support Grant funding up to 30 September 2021

[Summer schools programme](#)

Page summary: Details of the summer schools programme for secondary schools including funding, requirements for running a summer school and best practice evidence.

Change made: Updated the COVID-secure summer school section to make it clear that schools should follow the protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings guidance.

Inspection from September 2021

Ofsted have amended the inspection handbook from September 2021. The main changes are:

- Schools and colleges should assume online sexual abuse, violence and harassment take place within the school community, even if there are no reported cases.
- Inspectors will ask what schools and colleges are proactively doing to combat this, including preventative measures, the curriculum including implantation of the statutory RSHE curriculum, and responses to allegations.

- Where adequate processes to combat sexual abuse are not in place, Ofsted is likely to deem safeguarding ineffective, which in turn will likely result in an inadequate overall grade.
- Questions around the Baker Clause for secondaries.
- Inspectors to probe how tutoring 'supports curriculum aims.
- Ofsted won't assess past two years' teacher grades.
- Leaders must provide support for staff teaching outside expertise Inspection window may be extended 'by up to six terms'.

A detailed briefing will be produced by the School Improvement Team and placed on the ecurrier before the new academic year.

Consultation with Head Teachers - Northumberland County Council School Meals SLA Service

The Education Team at Northumberland County Council are consulting to establish whether Head Teachers feel the School Meals Service Support Contract is relevant, current and offers value for money.

In recent years school uptake in the service has diminished year on year. We would like to know your open and honest thoughts as Head Teacher on how much you value the service, or not, and where you see potential for value adding changes to the provision of the service.

Your thoughts on areas that you feel do not add value currently are equally important to allow us to consider sustainability, efficiency and value for money of the service.

It would be very valuable to us if you could please complete the survey by following the Hyperlink below, closing date is midnight Friday 16th July.

<https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/Head-Teachers>

We would also very much appreciate taking views of your kitchen staff via the survey below which is in a slightly different context for the audience.

Could you please ask your kitchen supervisor/team leader to complete the survey by following the Hyperlink below, closing date is also midnight Friday 16th July.

<https://haveyoursay.northumberland.gov.uk/Kitchen-Staff>

Thank you in advance for your response, it is highly valued by the Education Team at Northumberland County Council.

Update - EYFS Profile

REMINDER: There is no statutory requirement for schools to submit EYFS Profile data to the LA this year. The LA will not be requesting this information. Instead, DfE have asked schools to use their **best endeavours** to undertake it, should the situation at the time allow. Further detail is set out in [section 6.2](#).

Join Us and Pledge to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Join us in becoming White Ribbon Ambassadors or Champions and pledging to end violence against women and girls.

The White Ribbon Organisation is a charity that works to encourage everyone, and especially men and boys, to make the White Ribbon Promise to never commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women and girls.

The council is working towards the White Ribbon accreditation, since it was agreed by the Executive Team, and our network of Ambassadors and Champions will have a key role to play.

- White Ribbon Ambassadors are men who engage with other men and boys in their day to day lives to call out abusive and sexist behaviour among their friends, colleagues and communities to promote a culture of equality and respect.
- White Ribbon Champions are women who play an essential role by encouraging men to get involved and in finding opportunities to inspire and inform others through presentations, conversations and social media.

How can you get involved?

- Make the [White Ribbon Promise](#).
- We would like to hear from colleagues who are interested in finding out more about joining our White Ribbon Ambassador and Champions Network. Please email Lesley.Pyle@northumberland.gov.uk

Brand new Active Northumberland offers

A brilliant new Active Northumberland discounted membership offer is being introduced for school staff and their families too!

The offer has been introduced by Active Northumberland to help you adopt a more active lifestyle and to reap the many benefits that exercise can bring to our physical and mental health.

The offer requires you to commit to a 12-month membership with months one to six free of charge, months seven, eight and nine at 50% off (£16.00) and then £27.00 per month thereafter.

There is also an offer for family members (see chart [here](#)).

The membership is inclusive of gym, classes and swimming at all sites.

[Click here to find out more](#).