

Noticeboard

Children and Young Peoples Services

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Spring School Census 2012 – Disability Code

Disability Code is collected once a year as part of the Spring / January Census. We have heard from the DfE that the collection of this data in 2012 will again be on a **voluntary** basis. A default value of NCOL (Not Collected) should be submitted if no information about disability is gathered. Multiple entries to record a child with more than one disability are allowable.

[Jo Hewlett](#), Information Officer

School Term and Holiday Dates 2013/14

We would like your views on the proposed school term and holiday dates for the 2013/2014 school year. Voluntary Aided, Trust and Foundation schools set their own term dates but will be encouraged to follow the model set out above.

The dates proposed for 2013/14 take into account the overwhelming wishes of schools to retain a calendar of 195 days, which allows for staff development days to be set within term time, and are as follows:

Term	Day	From	Day	To	No. Days
1	Mon	2 September, 2013	Fri	25 October, 2013	40
2	Mon	4 November, 2012	Fri	20 December, 2013	35
3	Mon	6 January, 2014	Fri	14 February, 2014	30
4	Mon	24 February, 2014	Fri	11 April, 2014	35
5	Mon	28 April, 2014	Fri	6 June, 2014	28
6	Mon	16 June, 2014	Tues	22 July, 2014	27
Total					195

Following the consultation period, we will consider responses and decide the academic year for community and voluntary controlled schools in the area.

Anyone who wants to contribute to the consultation period can send their views to Tony Pearle, School Organisation Manager, Town Hall, North Somerset Council, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ, email him at school.organisation@n-somerset.gov.uk or participate in the [on-line consultation](#).

The closing date for the consultation is Friday 16 December 2011.

Admission Arrangements and Admission Numbers Consultation 2013-14

You may be thinking that it is only the start of the academic year 2011-12, but we all now have to be considering the admissions arrangements for 2013-14. We need your views on what you would like these admissions arrangements to include.

In December 2011, the consultation documents for new intake (reception, infant to junior transfer, secondary transfer and sixth form) and in-year admissions arrangements and their co-

ordinated admission schemes for 2013-14 will be circulated. So before this, schools should consider what changes, if any, they would like to see included within this consultation.

Your school's Admission Number will determine the number of children to be admitted in your particular new intake year group, so you should also consider if your Admission Number accurately reflects your accommodation and possible demand for places.

Here is a [link](#) to the arrangements and Admission Numbers that were set for 2012-13.

Please email your views and suggestions on admission arrangements to me as soon as possible, but no later than 31 October 2011. If you would like your Admission Number reviewed please email [Tony Pearle](#), School Organisation Manager, by the same date. We both look forward to hearing from you

[Terri Knowlton](#), School Admissions and Transport Manager

Revised School Admission Arrangements for 2012-13

Head Teachers and Chairs of School Governors were invited to respond to the consultations on the proposed admission arrangements for all schools including Admission Numbers, over-subscription criteria and co-ordinated admission schemes for 2012-13.

The consultations have now ended and the final admission policies for all Voluntary Aided, Foundation (including Trust) schools have been set by their respective governing bodies. Since being set it has been necessary for the Authority to alter the new intake Co-ordinated Admission Schemes for 2012-13 to ensure compliance with the School Admissions Code. Legislation requires that you are notified of these revised arrangements as they are set.

To view the revised coordinated admission schemes please use the following [link](#) and see Appendices 2 and 3. Paper copies are available upon request. If you have any queries please contact me.

[Bill McEntee](#), School Admissions Adviser

Update from The Learning Exchange



Middle Leadership Course: We are delighted that Gordano School are offering a Middle Leadership Course on behalf of the Learning Exchange. Details and an outline programme of this highly regarded course are on the [September 2011](#) web page and places can be booked via [CPD Online](#).

Leadership Pathways – An Opportunity from the National College: You must be a senior leader, or aspire to a senior leadership role within two years. Leadership Pathways focuses on developing whole-school leadership skills and experiences which can support you if you are aspiring to undertake the National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH). The programme lasts 12 months and is delivered by providers across England. Visit www.nationalcollege.org.uk/leadershippathways for details of the application rounds.

Bristol University CPD: We have been asked to publicise the University of Bristol Graduate School's professional development (CPD & PPD) programmes for schools. See details on the [September 2011](#) web page.

Aspire Programme: The new version of the Aspire Prospectus on the [September 2011](#) web page contains over 45 enrichment activities that can be accessed by all Learning Exchange schools, most of which are free at the point of delivery. The activities are provided by a variety of local organisations including the University of Bristol and UWE. Take some time to look through the prospectus as there are new activities for this academic year covering a range of subjects and outcomes. In particular you might be interested in the activities provided by the Learning Exchange advanced skills teachers. There are a lot of activities for secondary schools and some interesting ones for primary schools as well. If you have any questions about the prospectus contact Mark Nelson on mark.nelson2@n-somerset.gov.uk.

16-19 Bursary Fund: School and Academies that provide post-16 education will be receiving an important communication from YPLA regarding an 'in year' return on the 16-19 Bursary Fund. It will be very important to respond to this request for information.

DfE Consultations: New consultations this week are:

- Proposed changes to NQT Induction
- Auxiliary aids for children with disabilities

Consultations coming to end on 30 September are:

- Qualifications for 14-16 year olds and Performance Tables
- Revised Early Years Foundation Stage

Details are available at <http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/>

Coaching for Progress: 2 day training programme

There are still a few places available for this 2 day course on 9 November 2011 and 19 January 2012. This course has been designed in partnership with Judith Tolhurst, a well respected and published Coach, who will co-lead the two day training.

The course offers an introduction to using Coaching skills with children. In particular it looks at how Coaching can be used in one to one situations to support the academic progress of pupils, including vulnerable learners. The training also offers strategies to use that support pupils in developing their self awareness and understanding of themselves as learners, as well as encouraging them to take increased responsibility for their own learning.

Bookings being taken now on [CPD Online](#) (ref: 11-000363). For further details, please contact [Neil Harris](#), Lead Adviser (Vulnerable Groups).

Reminder

Courses cost £125.00 for a full day (£75.00 for a half day) or schools may use Learning Exchange credits. If you wish to pay via Learning Exchange credits, you **MUST** indicate this at the time of booking in the 'Special requirements' box, otherwise the course cost will be charged.

[Paul Jacobs](#), Assistant Director, Learning & Achievement

Courses from The Learning Exchange

Detailed information of the CPD offer for English and mathematics was published in Noticeboard Edition 1. Courses are now all available on [CPD Online](#).

Please note the amendments to the dates of the following courses:

[Talk for Writing - Back to Basics](#)

Thursday, 6 October 08:45 – 15:00

[Progression in the four operations - written calculations](#)

Monday, 7 November 08:45 – 15:00

[Intervention materials for Wave 2 & 3 pupils in Mathematics](#)

Tuesday, 22 November 08:45 – 12:30

[Penny Boardman](#) & [Lorraine Woollven](#), Learning Exchange Advisers

Clarification on the On-Entry Submission of EYFS Profile Data

Please see the document 'Clarification on the On-Entry Submission of EYFS Profile Data' on the [September 2011](#) web page.

[Sarah McGahern](#), Moderation Manager

What is Good Progress in Reception

Please see the document 'What is Good Progress in Reception' on the [September 2011](#) web page.

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New Centre for Young Musicians in North Worle!

The North Somerset Centre for Young Musicians expanded with the launch of a new venue on the 15 September. Based at Castle Batch Primary School on Thursday evenings, this new Centre will reduce travel for many families from Weston and Worle who currently go to the Backwell Centre, and bring a number of ensembles that have previously rehearsed on different evenings together.

In addition, three new activities are being offered at the new Worle Centre. Literally thousands of KS2 children have benefited from the free Wider Opportunities whole class instrumental tuition that the Music Service has been delivering for a number of years, and many want to continue making music with others after their free experience, but don't want traditional instrumental lessons. Now they will be able to go along to the new 'Next Step Band' or the 'Strum and Sing' club.

The *Next Step Band* is led by Roger Sansom and will mainly cater for those who have been learning or are learning the violin, trumpet, Eb clarinet or recorder. However, any young players who are in the very early stages of learning are welcome to come along.

Strum and Sing is led by Jim Parfitt and provides an opportunity for the hundreds of ukulele and young guitarists who want to learn songs they can accompany themselves singing. It's amazing how many songs can be sung and accompanied with knowledge of only a few simple chords.

The new centre at Castle Batch Primary School also becomes the home of established groups such as the stunning *North Somerset Jazz Orchestra*, *Clarinet Choir* and brass group *Just Brass!*

More information about times of rehearsals etc can be found on the Music Service pages of the [website](#) or by phoning 01934 426430.

[Mark Trego](#), Music Service Manager

North Somerset Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Newsletter for RE and Collective Worship

North Somerset's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) produces the locally agreed syllabus for RE and advises the local authority on matters relating to RE and collective worship in schools. It is made up of representatives from the Council and local religious and teachers' organisations. SACRE produces three newsletters per year, intended to support schools' provision of religious education and collective worship. The latest edition has just been published and is available on our [Religious Education page](#).

[Dave Francis](#), Associate Consultant, North Somerset SACRE

Message to Schools that use Heating Oil

Avoid oil delivery delays this winter - message from our oil supplier

At Emo Oil we like to ensure that all our customers receive excellent service levels at all times. However, as the busy winter period approaches and weather conditions worsen, oil deliveries can become subject to delays. As a responsible supplier, we feel it's our duty to remind our customers that the best way to avoid disappointment is to place your order for heating oil early. Last winter was the coldest in the UK for thirty years and hazardous weather led to oil delivery delays all over the country. To ensure you don't encounter delays this year, we advise you to keep your tank levels as high as possible and place your winter order with as much notice as possible.

Our dedicated sales team is on hand to take your order on **0800 085 2314**. Alternatively you can fax your order to **01925 814380** or send an email to nationalaccounts@gboils.co.uk quoting your site number. If you have any comments or questions, please contact [Martin Crandon](#), Carbon Programme Manager.

School Library Service Stock Still Available to Buy

Bristol School Library Service is still offering schools and educators the chance to buy books and other resources that are no longer required. Stock is held at:

Bristol School Library Service
Unit 1, Bristol Vale Trading Estate
Hartcliffe Way
Bedminster
Bristol
BS3 5RJ

Prices start from £1.50 per book. Schools and individuals wishing to buy items need to book a visit by telephoning 0117 903 8534. Payment can be by cash, cheque or using a school order number.

[Meg Humphries](#), Schools' Liaison Officer, Bristol Libraries

MEND Programme

Do you know any children or young people who will benefit from a programme to help them feel fitter, healthier and happier?

MEND is a fun, free 10 week healthy lifestyle programme available to families with children aged between 7 and 13 who are above a healthy weight. The after school sessions take place twice a week and aim to improve fitness and overall health. They will take place at Worle Community School in Weston-super-Mare and Backwell School from 27 September. During the course children will take part in a wide variety of fun physical activities and games. Families will take part in fun food taster sessions and find out how to read food labels. They will also learn about healthy portion sizes and will be shown the effect different foods have on their health and wellbeing.

The **free** course was developed in partnership with child health experts at Great Ormond Street Hospital to tackle child obesity in a cost-effective way. Independent research conducted by the University College London's Institute of Child Health found that children who attended the MEND programme experienced long-term health benefits, including weight loss and improvements in fitness and self-esteem. MEND is funded through the PCT and is free to children who attend. Recent courses held in Clevedon and South Weston were very well received.

Please will you contact Marie or Tracey if you know of any children who might benefit or who you would like to refer on to the course.

- Marie Davis (Backwell Programme) on 01275 463371 mdavis@backwellschool.net
- Tracey Dyer (Worle Programme) on 01934 510777 tdyer@worle-school.org.uk

[Helen Caldwell](#), Strategic Commissioning Officer (Equality, Access and Achievement)

Holiday Activities at The Campus

Please see the flyer on the [September 2011](#) web page for full details of activities organised by The Campus during half term.

[Lucy Sherston](#), Community Services Assistant, The Campus

Junior Memory Championship

Junior Memory Championship is an educational project that brings memory techniques to the forefront of learning. Some schools in the North Somerset Council area have registered for the Championship. The Learning Skills Foundation has since then expanded on the overall concept of the Junior Memory Championship to include a **Learning Skills Foundation Associated School Certificate** scheme. This certificate will be given to every school that participates in the Junior Memory Championship. Please see the flyer on the [September 2011](#) web page for full details and how to register.

Children's Scrapstore Teachers' Late Night Special

Thursday 6 October 2011
5.00 - 7.30pm

Our late night opening event for teachers and educators with refreshments. Come and do your shopping at the Children's Scrapstore and Artrageous and stock up for autumn projects.

Don't worry if your school is not a member of the Children's Scrapstore yet, you can join up on the night! Please see our website www.childreusscrapstore.co.uk for details of how to become a member and fees or contact 0117 908 2090, enquiries@childreusscrapstore.co.uk.

[Lucy Ward](#), Membership and Outreach Officer, Children's Scrapstore

Clevedon TeachMeet

Please see the flyer on the [September 2011](#) for details of the Clevedon TeachMeet being held on Thursday 20 October. For more information contact Mark Anderson at Clevedon School manderson@clevedon.n-somerset.sch.uk.

Correction: New Schools Recycling Service Workshop

Please note the free New Schools Recycling Service Workshop is at **10am on Friday 14 October**, not 10am on Friday 14 September as advertised in last week's Noticeboard.

To register your attendance for the session in October, please contact Sophie Clarke, Waste Education Officer (Waste Watch) sophie.clarke@n-somerset.gov.uk. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Leena Patel, Education Programme Manager, Waste Watch

North Somerset Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Conference

Please see the [September 2011](#) web page for full details of the SACRE conference being held on Tuesday 1 November. Please book via [CPD Online](#).