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Children and Young Peoples Services

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Safeguarding in Education Designated Teacher Training

Message from Sheila Smith, Director of Children and Young People's Services:

I would like to endorse this important training offer for Designated Teachers. I would ask that all Designated Teachers attend one of these sessions.

This training is for all colleagues who are fulfilling the role of the named Designated Teacher within their school. The half day course will be facilitated by Sarah Mellor, Safeguarding in Education Officer. There will also be input from Dawn Newton, Quality and Assurance Team, Children's Social Care and practicing Designated Teachers. This is to ensure that delegates are receiving all the relevant information to equip them to be confident in their role.

The outcomes of the course are for all delegates to:

- Have a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Designated Teacher
- Be clear about the procedures to follow relating to Safeguarding concerns
- Be aware of what happens once you have made a referral to Social Care and your role in further assessment/investigation
- Know the procedures to follow in relation to an allegation against a teacher or another member of staff
- Be clear about Safer Recruitment procedures and your role in these
- Have an understanding of how to safeguard yourself, your staff and volunteers in school
- Be aware of the responsibilities of The Governing Body
- Understand the requirement to work with the Governing Body to review Policies and Procedures and report annually to them and the Local Authority
- Know where to access further guidance and advice

Colleagues only need to attend one of the three sessions that are available:

Tuesday 31 January	13.00 - 17.00	The All Healthy living Centre
Thursday 23 February	09.00 - 13.00	The Campus
Thursday 8 March	09.00 - 13.00	Nailsea School

Please book places using [CPD Online](#). For more information please contact [Sarah Mellor](#) (telephone 01275 885507).

Oral Health Survey of 5-year-old Children in North Somerset 2011-12

University Hospitals Bristol Primary Care Dental Service has been asked by the Department of Health to conduct an oral health survey using a sample of 5-year-old children in selected schools during this academic year. The information used is recorded anonymously at the point of examination, data are kept securely and only those with the dedicated computer programme can view the information.

In order to select schools and children to take part certain information is required from your school: child's name, date of birth and postcode for all children in Reception and Year 1. Once the schools and children have been selected and examined, this information will be destroyed.

Full details are contained in my [letter to headteachers](#) along with a [consent letter to parents](#) for schools to issue.

Please send this information to my secure email address katherine.walls@nhs.net or to the address in my letter. If you have any queries about this survey please contact me via email.

**[Katherine Walls](#), Senior Dental Officer, Oral Health Promotion and Epidemiology,
University Hospitals Bristol Foundation Trust**

Update from the Learning Exchange

Headteachers' and Chairs of Governors' Briefing



Date: 24 November 2011
Time: 2pm – 4pm (registration and refreshments at 1.30pm)
Venue: Clevedon Hall, Victoria Road, Clevedon, BS21 7RQ

Ofsted have published the draft new inspection framework, which is due to come into force from January 2012. Daniel Towl (HMI) will be delivering a briefing on the new Ofsted framework in North Somerset. There will also be updates from colleagues on what the new framework means for governing bodies and their involvement in school self evaluation – [agenda](#).

Please book your place on [CPD Online](#). For further information, contact [Sue Ivermee](#), Principal Adviser.

Raising Attainment in English and Maths at KS4

The Learning Exchange has commissioned CPD from our most common examination boards to support raising attainment in English and Maths at KS4:

AQA GCSE Mathematics – Mathematics for Real Life

Course Outline

- Questioning skills to develop students' thinking skills
- Kinaesthetic activities that embed students' thinking skills and functional understanding
- Update from the November 2010 exams with effective teaching strategies that target common weaknesses

Targeting students on the D-C borderline.

Date: Monday 28 November
Time: 14.00 - 17.00
Venue: Priory Community School - an Academy Trust
Cost: £70 one delegate; £100 two delegates for Learning Exchange members
Book: [CPD Online](#)

WJEC English - strategies for raising attainment at GCSE

Course outline

- Preparing students for modular exams

- Controlled assignments - focusing on grade boundaries at D-C and B-A - A*

Date: Thursday 1 December
 Time: 14.00 - 17.00
 Venue: Nailsea School
 Cost: £70 one delegate; £100 two delegates for Learning Exchange members
 Book: [CPD Online](#)

For further information, contact [Marie Horton](#), LE Adviser (14-19 Partnerships).

The Local Leaders of Education Programme

Local Leaders of Education (LLEs) are successful headteachers who provide coaching support to headteachers of other schools. LLEs enable partner schools to build capacity for sustainable improvement. The LLE model is a partnership model with local authorities, enabling the LA to create a pool of LLEs that are then deployed flexibly to schools causing concern and satisfactory schools. As an LA, we have fully deployed our LLEs into North Somerset schools from January 2011 for half a day each week.

If you are interested in finding out about the requirements for you to become a Local Leader of Education, visit the [National College Website](#) for more detail and the selection criteria. The next round of applications will open on Monday 28 November 2011 and will close on Friday 6 January 2012.

I would like to encourage you to think about becoming a Local Leader, as we know the benefits to both the host school and to your own school will be significant.

Please contact [Sue Ivermee](#), Principal Adviser, if you would like to discuss the role further in the context of North Somerset schools on 07769 163962.

Consultations:

Details	Open until
Revised Admissions Arrangements	5 December
Revised Premises regulations	26 January
Call for Evidence for the Independent Review of Early Education and Childcare Qualifications	23 December
Removing the statutory duty to deliver work related learning in KS4	4 January
16-19 Funding Formula	4 January
16-19 Study Programmes	4 January
Please click here for further information	

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

EYFSP and KS1 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements Booklets

The EYFSP and KS1 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements Booklets (ARAs) are now available on the [DfE website](#).

[Sarah McGahern](#), Early Years Consultant and Moderation Manager

KS1 Moderation Training (Fully Funded Excluding Supply)

It is essential that all teachers new to Year 2 attend the following:

Friday 6 January 2012

9:00am to 3:30pm

The Campus, Weston-super-Mare

Sarah McGahern and Lorraine Woollven

There is also an opportunity for experienced Year 2 teachers to attend moderation training.

Experienced Year 2 teachers

Monday 16 January 2012

1:00pm to 4:00pm

The Campus, Weston-super-Mare

Sarah McGahern and Lorraine Woollven

Please book via [CPD Online](#).

[Sarah McGahern](#), Early Years Consultant and Moderation Manager

OfSTED – Good Practice in Primary Mathematics; Evidence from 20 Successful Schools

OfSTED published this [resource](#) on the 13 November. It contains lots of useful, successful strategies and I am delighted that the hard work of pupils and staff is reflected in the inclusion of Mead Vale Primary as one of the 10 maintained schools. Well done everyone!

[Jeff Bateson-Winn](#), Head, Mead Vale Primary School

News from St. Katherine's School

Catering and Hospitality Facility Wins Excellence Award

St. Katherine's School's Catering and Hospitality Facility has been awarded the LABC Award for Excellence in the Best Education Building category for the West of England. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

St. Katherine's School celebrates National School Meals Week

Stephanie Quayle, the Headteacher at St. Katherine's School in North Somerset was delighted to help celebrate National School Meals Week by inviting Haidee Baker-Jones, whose son

Harley attends the school, to receive a £250 cheque from ParentPay CEO Clint Wilson. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

Caroline Blake-Symes, St. Katherine's School

Cold Weather Advice for Schools

During periods of school closure (including weekends) and if the temperature plummets, inspections of the whole site should be carried out **at least twice a day** and the following items checked:

- **Heating systems:**
Frost protection and system, including pumps to be kept running to prevent freezing and maintain ambient temperature within the buildings
- **External water supplies** (toilets, external taps, water fountains)
Check for evidence of burst pipes and report immediately
- **Canopies, sail shades and shelters:**
Where there is snow over 100mm thick on the roof of these structures these should be cordoned off and no one allowed beneath them.
- **Structures:**
Carry out an inspection from the ground to check for misaligned or loose roof tiles or rainwater goods (gutters, downpipes etc) that would be likely to fall from the roof due to frost damage.
- **Clearance of paths and playgrounds:**
Clear and maintain clear routes from the entrance and between school buildings within the school site.

To report incidents arising from any of the above issues please contact North Somerset Facilities Helpdesk in the first instance on 01275 884411. Out of hours 01934 622669 (CCTV).

[Karen Geddes](#), Technical Assistant, Property and Asset Management

Reducing Energy and Carbon

'Switch off Fortnight' runs from 21 November to 4 December in schools. For more information click [here](#).

Why take part in 'Switch-Off Fortnight'?

'Switch-Off Fortnight' is a fantastic opportunity to get the whole school learning about energy and thinking about how they can cut down on the amount of energy they use both at school and at home. It's also a great way to inspire parents and the local community to make changes too. Why not encourage some light hearted competition between classes and year groups to see who can save the most energy? In addition to making learning fun for pupils, the Pod's energy

activities fit in with many areas of the National Curriculum including Maths, Numeracy, PHSE, Citizenship, English/literacy, ICT and Geography.

For full details of curriculum links, take a look at the Curriculum Guide for the 'Goodbye Standby' and 'Switching On to Switching Off' activities. For more information please contact me.

[Martin Crandon](#), Carbon Programme Manager

British Sign Language

In July I taught parents and children at Uphill Primary School British sign language for a 10 week course. It was very successful and 3 of the parents are now doing an accredited Open College Network course to share with their children and increase their skills. There is a [video](#) of the children signing the rainbow song to the rest of the school during their celebration assembly. Any schools wishing to put this class on please contact me on 01934 426394 or vicky.druce@n-somerset.gov.uk

Vicky Druce, Community Learning Development Worker

20th Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

North Somerset Youth Parliament would like to bring the following article to the attention of North Somerset Schools:

Of interest is the article in the [School Council Newsletter](#) on the anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Friday 16 December 2011 will mark the 20th anniversary of the UK Government's ratification of the convention. PVPE want children and young people to draw around one of their feet onto a piece of card (a cereal box will be ideal) and write a message to the Prime Minister telling him why the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is important to you and what still needs to be done. Footprints will then be delivered to Downing Street.

For more information about the Youth Parliament, contact [Rob Warren](#), Outreach and Liaison Officer.

Illegal Tobacco Campaign

The main objectives are to increase understanding of the impact of illegal tobacco amongst smokers and local communities and mobilise partners in health, local businesses and communities to report illegal trading.

What you can do to make the campaign a success

To raise and increase awareness of illegal tobacco amongst smokers, young people and parents, we would be grateful if you could forward/place this information wherever you believe it would be effective in spreading the message. Full details are on the [November 2011](#) web page.

[Miriam Thornton](#), Health Improvement Specialist, NHS North Somerset

School Games

You should be aware by now of the **School Games** - the government's school sport strategy aiming to put school sport at the heart of the school. Hopefully you have had chance to look at the national website www.yourschoolgames.com and register your school's interest.

Please see the primary and secondary letters on the [November 2011](#) web page containing some information about the local Level 3 School Games festival which is being led by our County Sports Partnership – Wesport. As a School Games Organiser we are working very closely with Wesport to develop a clear plan for our local competitive pathways especially from Level 2 into 3.

[Shane German](#), North Somerset SSP Manager

Re:ACT Theatre School is Performing Dick Whittington at Worle School

Date: 3 December
Time: 2.30pm and 7.30p.m.
All seats: £5.00

Re:ACT is a theatre school for children aged 5-18. If you would like any more information please contact me.

[Ailsa Barrett](#), Worle School