

## Noticeboard

Children and Young Peoples Services

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## From the Director

Dear Colleagues

Welcome back - I hope you all enjoyed the summer although it seems it was the coldest one since 1993! The A level and GCSE results reflected well on the North Somerset community and whilst there were some individual disappointments there was a lot to celebrate across our special and secondary schools. The coming year will see more changes locally and nationally but the continued collaboration between yourselves and the local authority means that we are in a good position to seize opportunities rather than be weighed down by difficulties.

I look forward to working with you all in 2011/12.

Regards.

**Sheila Smith**, Director of Children and Young People's Services

## Capital Update – the DfE response to the James Review and the Priority School Building Programme

The government responded to the Independent Review of Education Capital by Sebastian James, published in April 2011, on 19 July 2011.

The Review considered how the Department could achieve better value for money and improve efficiency in capital investment. With the expansion of Academies and the creation of Free Schools, the government intend to ‘take forward significant changes in the schools system to provide greater choice to communities, children, parents and carers.’ The government supported the review’s findings and has opened a consultation - see Implementation of the 2010-11 Review of Education Capital (The James Review) at

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1762&external=no&menu=1>

The Department for Education is also commencing a privately financed programme to provide school facilities. The programme is intended to address those schools in the worst condition. Ministers may also take into account pressing cases of basic need (the requirement for additional school places) and other ministerial priorities. The programme is likely to include a mix of primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, sixth form colleges and alternative provision. Details of this scheme are available at

<https://sharepoint.partnershipsforschools.org.uk/PSBP/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Further information is also contained in a Briefing Sheet on the [September 2011](#) web page.

**Sally Varley**, Service Manager - CYPS Planning & Access Service

## The Learning Exchange Update



### Learning Exchange English and mathematics CPD Programme

A document containing the details of all the English and mathematics CPD courses including hyperlinks to CPD online is on the [September 2011](#) web page. We would be grateful if you could book places as soon as possible. Please be aware that courses cost £125.00 for a full day (£75.00 for a half day) or you may use your 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.

### Assessment Twilights

For assessment twilights it is necessary for each participant to book individually for each session, via [CPD Online](#), as this will maintain the individual's CPD record and enable session organisation and refreshments. We regret that it is not possible to make a 'whole school' booking. The CPD leader will need to indicate how the school wishes to be charged by emailing [jane.norris@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jane.norris@n-somerset.gov.uk). Please be assured that only one credit (or £125.00) per school will be charged.

### Support Staff Twilights

This programme includes three sessions across the year. It is important that delegates book onto each session individually in order to maintain their CPD record and enable refreshments to be organised. The cost of £150.00 per school enables up to 2 participants to attend all 3 sessions. This programme cannot be funded using Learning Exchange credits.

### MAST (Mathematics Specialist Teacher programme)

If colleagues are interested in joining cohort 3 of this programme please contact [lorraine.woollven@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.woollven@n-somerset.gov.uk) for more information on how to register with the Open University. The course starts in October and the deadline for applications is the 16 September.

### 1stClass@Number (Every Child Counts Wave 2 small group intervention delivered by a TA for Year 2 children)

We currently have sufficient schools to run a first training cohort for 1stClass@Number. These schools will be contacted shortly with further details. If you have not already expressed an interest in the programme and would like to take up this opportunity please contact [penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk).

### North Somerset Reading Intervention Pilot and North Somerset Community Reading Partners Pilot

On **15 September 2011, 1330-1530** at Oldmixon Primary School we will be holding an information session for headteachers about the North Somerset Reading Intervention Pilots. Martin Greenwood, headteacher at Oldmixon Primary School, will present an overview of the impact of the Teaching Assistant led programmes that they currently run. Following this there will be an opportunity to observe one of the sessions and then Justine Greenwood and Penny Boardman will take colleagues through the pilot options, including costs, which include:

- A 12 week programme of daily 1:1 session supported by a TA for Year 1 children;
- A 6 week programme of 1:1 sessions supported by members of the community (including TAs) which children in all year groups can access three times per week;
- A 1/2 day training programme for parent helpers who support reading less frequently.

For further information or to book a place at the information session, please contact [penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk) (telephone 07776 170034).

### **Power of Reading**

We do not have sufficient schools for the Power of Reading to run for a third year in North Somerset. However, we are able to do a joint project with Bristol. The venue will be The Engineers' House, Clifton, Bristol on the following dates:

Launch conference: Friday 7 October 9.30-3.30  
Half day inset: Wednesday 16 November 1.30-4.30  
Half day inset: Wednesday 25 January 1.30-4.30  
Half day inset: Wednesday 7 March 1.30-4.30  
Final conference: Wednesday 4 July 9.30-3.30

If your school is interested in taking part, please contact [penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:penny.boardman@n-somerset.gov.uk) for an application form.

### **2012 Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests**

We have received confirmation from the QCDA that the 2012 key stage 2 national curriculum tests will be held in the week beginning 14 May 2012. Externally marked Level 6 tests in English and mathematics will be available to schools in 2012 to administer to eligible pupils on an optional basis.

The dates for these tests will be Monday 21 May and Tuesday 22 May. The QCDA will be sending an update to all schools to confirm this announcement.

The test timetable will be published in the 2012 *Assessment and reporting arrangements* which will be sent to all schools in November 2011. Schools are asked to hold the dates of Monday 14 May until Wednesday 23 May 2012 to allow for the full test administration period.

If you have any questions please contact Lorraine Woollven on [lorraine.woollven@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lorraine.woollven@n-somerset.gov.uk).

### **EYFS/KS1 Moderation, Profile Assessment and Data Collection for 2012**

Please can you inform Heather Kirkpatrick via email on [heather.kirkpatrick@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:heather.kirkpatrick@n-somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01275 888744 of the names of all EYFS teachers and Year 2 teachers for September 2011. Please can you state whether they are new to the year group, an NQT or an experienced Year 2 teacher. We use the list to keep teachers informed of all relevant training in preparation for moderation arrangements, which is a DfE requirement.

We have now had clarification regarding the requirements for EYFS profile assessment and data collection for 2012 and further information on the implementation of the revised EYFS for 2012/13. This is set out below in the form of FAQs and responses.

### What are the requirements for EYFS profile assessment and moderation in 2011/12?

1. Providers should continue to assess children against the current EYFS profile in the 2011/2012 academic year. The Government is currently consulting on proposals for a new EYFS profile, based on Dame Clare Tickell's recommended changes, to be implemented from September 2012 (alongside the new EYFS).
2. Arrangements for statutory data collection remain unchanged.
3. The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) will be established to deliver national curriculum tests and assessments following Ministerial decisions to close the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency (QCDA). Responsibility for the overseeing of EYFS profile moderation in 2011/2012 will continue under the STA, a new executive agency within the Department for Education. Moderation of the EYFS profile for 2011/12 will be continuing as normal. Settings and schools should continue to liaise with QCDA until the STA is established and takes on responsibility for this work. At that stage, the STA will confirm arrangements for 2011/12.

### What will be the requirements for EYFS assessment, moderation and data collection in 2012/13?

4. Dame Clare Tickell's review of the EYFS recommended retaining an end of stage summative assessment (EYFS profile), but that it should be based on a reduced set of Early Learning Goals (reduced from 69 to 17) and have clearer links into the National Curriculum. The Minister of State for Children and Families has accepted this recommendation. On 6 July 2011, the Government launched a consultation on the new EYFS (including a revised EYFS profile) and this will run until 30 September 2011.
5. Following this consultation, the Department for Education (DfE) will aim to publish the new EYFS and EYFS profile in Spring 2012, thus giving schools and LAs a full term before September 2012 when the new EYFS and EYFS profile are expected to come into effect.
6. As in previous years, the DfE expects to work closely with schools and local authorities in developing guidance to support the new Profile. Further information will be provided following the EYFS consultation.

### Enquiries about the EYFS consultation

7. You can access the EYFS consultation documents here:  
<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1747&external=no&menu=1>
8. If your enquiry is related to the policy content of the consultation you can email:  
[revisedeyfs.consultation@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:revisedeyfs.consultation@education.gsi.gov.uk)
9. If you have a query relating to the consultation process you can contact the Consultation Unit on telephone: 0370 000 2288, e-mail [consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk)

[Sarah McGahern](#), Early Years Consultant and Moderation Manager for EYFSP and KS1

## Amendment to the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document – Supply Teachers' Pay

In the last issue of Noticeboard we notified you on the implications arising from the additional Bank Holiday due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and the resulting change to national regulations, given the financial implications in respect of supply teachers.

To clarify, although the actual Bank Holiday related to the Diamond Jubilee technically falls on 5 June, which is during the break between Terms 5 and 6, the school year next year in North Somerset will be 194 days (rather than 195). This is because Term 6 will be ending on 19 July rather than 20 July.

Therefore, this is to confirm that the implications of the Diamond Jubilee are the same as those of the extra Bank Holiday in connection with the Royal Wedding: the Diamond Jubilee will reduce the number of days a teacher employed full time must be required to work from 195 to 194 days and the minimum number of sessions for the school year 2011-2012 from 190 days to 189 days (i.e. reduce the number of days they may be required to teach pupils and perform other duties from 190 to 189 days) and reduce the number of hours during which a teacher employed full time is required to perform their duties from 1265 to 1258.5 hours.

These changes will have implications for part-time teachers in that part-time teachers' directed time is a proportion of full-time teachers' directed time.

### Implications for Supply Teachers

Supply teachers' (those engaged on a day-to-day basis or other short notice basis) hourly rates will be based on a full-time working year of 1258.5 hours rather than 1265 hours in the academic year running 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012. This means a small increase in hourly rate (an estimated average increase of £1.00/day in a supply teacher's pay based on the supply teacher working a full day).

Payroll are aware of this change and intend to pay supply teachers who are paid through North Somerset the extra sum to which they are entitled at the end of the academic year (in August). The reason for this is that for technical reasons it will be impractical to reset the pay rates on the system to facilitate altered payments on a month by month basis. Any queries relating to this aspect should be addressed to Payroll.

[Piers Hartridge](#) - Schools Human Resources

## New Policies, Policy Amendments and Policy Adoption

### New Policies

We have recently completed consultation with the recognised Trade Unions on two new policies for schools: a Reference Policy and a Request for Time to Train Policy, both of which are on the [September 2011](#) web page.

### **Policy Amendments**

Minor changes were recently made to the Capability, Disciplinary, Grievance and Redundancy Policies in response to feedback and these are available on our website.

### **Policy Adoption**

We would like to take this opportunity to recommend to schools the adoption of our model policies, including those above and the other policy we recently launched - a new Probationary Policy. They have been put together by practitioners with school-related HR experience and have been consulted on with the recognised Trade Unions.

### **Policy Changes following Adoption**

From time to time (due to changes in the law or regulations or as a result of feedback, for example) we are obliged to make relatively minor changes to our Policies after they have been adopted by schools. We suggest therefore that the Governing Body agrees (and it is minuted) that once a model Local Authority policy is adopted, any subsequent amendments made to it are automatically adopted by the Governing Body. This will mean the school will not need to go through any formal re-adoption procedure when changes are made to any of our model policies.

If you have any questions, please contact Piers Hartridge on 01275 884742 or at [piers.hartridge@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:piers.hartridge@n-somerset.gov.uk).

### **Piers Hartridge - Schools Human Resources**

## **School Mode of Travel Data Collection**

You will be aware that the DfE announced this summer that Mode of Travel data will no longer be collected as part of the January School Census data. All local authorities including North Somerset have used this data to assist in transport planning and this data also provides valuable information for North Somerset NHS initiatives.

In particular, North Somerset's Sustainable Travel and Road Safety team has engaged with schools to develop the travel health check report which provides a valuable classroom learning resource for topics on environment, energy, active health and road safety awareness.

Schools have reported that the work of the team and the information and analysis they provide in relation to mode of travel has been invaluable on many different levels and it is, therefore, my intention to continue collecting this data from all schools.

Please continue your current practice of collecting and recording this data in SIMS for all pupils and students on roll and more details on how to submit the information at the time of the January Census file will follow.

### **Sally Milton, Data Systems Manager**

## **SIMS, CTFs, Anycomms and using s2s**

A reminder that if you wish to send a CTF for out of county movers you should upload the file onto the DfE secure web site; s2s. CTFs for pupils moving between schools within North Somerset should continue to be sent via Anycomms.

There are a considerable number of CTFs awaiting collection from both Anycomms and s2s for pupils transferring schools so please dial in or log on to see if there is anything for your school.

Full guidance to support the use of the DfE secure web site s2s (School to School) is available on NOIR. Your s2s username and password is the one you use for other secure DfE web accessed secure sites. If you do not know your log-in details please contact a member of the Data Management Team. The link to the s2s site is below.

<https://securedatatransfer.teachernet.gov.uk/sdtlive/asp/Login.asp>

Please note that we are looking into sending weekly Free School Meal updates via Anycomms instead of via school email accounts. You will be notified of any changes via Noticeboard.

**[Sally Milton](#), Data Systems Manager**

## School Census, Data Collection Calendars and NOIR

I have attached School Census Guidance and Data Collection Calendars in the Information Communication Sheets on the [September 2011](#) web page which I hope administrators and assessment co-ordinators might find useful. Further notification and guidance will continue to be sent out via Noticeboard prior to each data collection. All dates are currently correct, but may be subject to small changes. Over the next few weeks copies of this documentation and further reference guides will be added to NOIR to hopefully act as a central reference library for each collection. In the meantime you might like to try out the following link [www.gotoourplace.co.uk/noir](http://www.gotoourplace.co.uk/noir) to ensure you have access to the NOIR site. If you do not, your headteacher will need to request a new NOIR account for you from [Darren.Parker@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Darren.Parker@n-somerset.gov.uk).

Many thanks for all your help and co-operation as always with these collections.

**[Jo Hewlett](#), Information Officer**

## Privacy Notices

Privacy Notices have now been updated on the North Somerset Council website at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Schools/privacynotices.htm> following the guidance of the Department for Education (DfE).

Copies are also attached in the accompanying Information Communication Sheets appearing later in this edition, but if you have any queries please come back to me.

**[Jo Hewlett](#), Information Officer**

## School Closure Dates (Inset Days) 2011/12

Request for schools to complete the School Closure Form on the [September 2011](#) web page in respect of proposed school closure dates.

The schools' inset days have now been published on the North Somerset website at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/9D1D1F22-46F1-4AD7-9127-94E6D8E41309/0/Schoolclosurelist201112.pdf>. Just a reminder, if you have not yet sent us your dates please can they be returned as soon as possible.

Please note the contact information on the new form has changed. Either email me [Sophia.sedgeman@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Sophia.sedgeman@n-somerset.gov.uk) the dates or telephone the Business Support Team on 01934 634643.

**Sophia Sedgeman, Business Support Administrator**

## New Look EVOLVE

Evolve has recently been upgraded and the migration to the new system occurred over the summer. The look may have changed but the functionality remains pretty much the same.

Please take some time to have a look at the system and the information sheet on the [September 2011](#) web page. If you need some help, there are some new help pages available when you click on the red question mark in the top right hand corner of the home screen.

If you have any problems with the use of the site please let me know.

**Nicola Watkins, Health and Safety Advisor**

## Young Carers Schools Worker – BIP Team

I am Jo Davies-Collard, the Young Carers Schools Worker for BIP. I am offering to deliver a 10 minute assembly (whole school) and 2 PSHCE lessons (KS2 age group) for raising awareness around Young Carers. The PSHCE lessons would need to run 2 weeks running and booked in advance.

If you are interested in this for your school, please email [jo.davies-collard@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jo.davies-collard@n-somerset.gov.uk) or ring 01934 622341 to discuss further.

## Childcare

Parents and carers of children starting school in September may need childcare for before and after school, they may also require childcare during the school holidays.

North Somerset Family Information Service can provide lists of Ofsted registered local childminders, after school clubs and holiday provision. The information is uploaded to our own [website](#) and a national site <http://www.openfamilyservices.org.uk/ofs/> where parents and carers can search across local authority boundaries for childcare and family services. The Family Information Service also has an on-line form that can be used to request information on local childcare and this can be accessed via North Somerset's website: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/forms/fischildcarerequest/index.aspx>.

We have noticed that some school websites have a link to the Sure Start childcare page which no longer exists. We would like to request that all schools please ensure web details are updated and accurate and link to [www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk](http://www.n-somersetcsd.org.uk).

Contact [fis@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:fis@n-somerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01934 426300.

**[Gill Hinton](#) – Manager North Somerset Family Information Service**

### **Town Hall Parking Area, Weston-super-Mare**

Please be aware that the two car parks opposite the Town Hall (Walliscote Grove Road East and West) should only be used by valid permit holders. Those car parks are regularly checked particularly during the Town Hall building works that are currently taking place which has made the underground parking inaccessible.

For further information or any questions please contact me.

**[Allan Taylor](#), Car Parking Manager**

### **Lis Jeffery Retires**

On the occasion of my "refirement", yes, "*refirement*", I would like to thank everyone in North Somerset for journeying with me since 2003. From the earliest days when I moved here from Bristol, I knew that North Somerset was a special place to work. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly and this hasn't changed.

I'd particularly like to thank everyone in the Town Hall for being so patient with me. I got away with being a "new Head" for more years that I care to own up to, despite the fact that I'd already had 9 years headship experience in Bristol before starting at St. Joseph's!

Thank you to the Pill, Portishead and Gordano cluster Heads. Keep up the good work, and please don't call me for supply! Thank you to the cluster Heads in WSM who made me welcome during my year's secondment to Corpus Christi. I will never forget my Weston year. Thank you to all the SIPs - without you, neither St. Joseph's or Corpus Christi would be the wonderful schools that they undoubtedly are.

Good luck with all the on-going changes that face you and know that you all do an amazing job for the children of North Somerset.

God bless.

**Lis Jeffery, former Headteacher, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

### **Degree Success at Priory Academy**

Martin Kerslake, SVP (Business) at Priory graduated at the end of last term with a BA Hons in School Business Management, one of the first such degrees in the UK. Martin studied for 3

years through Manchester University supported by the school. There's a photograph of Martin at his graduation on the [September 2011](#) web page.

[Neville Coles](#), Principal, Priory Academy

## CYPS Care Systems

CYPS Care Systems users have started to use Hornbill Supportworks to log their system issues and service requests. If users phone the Service Desk they will hear a message which will give them the option to log a call directly with the Application Services Team (which includes the historical Care Systems Team). Alternatively, calls can be logged through the Hornbill Supportworks Self Service. Hornbill will not hold service users' details so users must only record the reference number and a brief summary of the request when logging calls.

Any further queries please contact me.

[Karen Rainey](#), NS Application Services Manager

## Information Communication Sheets

Full copies of these documents and any attachments for the month of September can be accessed on our website at [September 2011](#). Copies of Information Communication Sheets from previous months can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/Staff/communicationwithschools>.

		<b>Target audience</b>
<b>1112/0001</b>	Data Collection Calendar September 2011 – July 2012 for primary, junior, infant and first schools	Assessment Co-ordinators and Administrators, EYFS Teachers
<b>1112/0002</b>	Data Collection Calendar September 2011 – July 2012 for secondary schools	Assessment Co-ordinators and Administrators, Post 16 Co-ordinators
<b>1112/0003</b>	Data Collection Calendar September 2011 – July 2012 for special schools	Assessment Co-ordinators and Administrators, EYFS Teachers
<b>1112/0004</b>	School Census Guidance for Primary Schools – Autumn 2011	School Administrators and Headteachers
<b>1112/0005</b>	School Census Guidance for Secondary Schools – Autumn 2011	
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<b>1112/0007</b>	Privacy Notices	School Administrators
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## Summer Reading Challenge – Circus Stars continues until 18 September

We have been very pleased to see children from local schools and their families in North Somerset Council's libraries over the summer. Over 4900 children have now joined Circus Stars in North Somerset which has made this challenge the most successful yet. Children have found new authors to try and have read books on a huge range of subjects.

Many children have already finished reading 6 books and have collected their medals and certificates. We hope they will bring these into school to show their teachers.

Circus Stars continues until the weekend of 17 and 18 September 2011 so children still have time to finish the challenge. We have plenty of stickers, medals and certificates left to give out. Please could you remind children in your school about completing the Summer Reading Challenge to receive their certificate and medal. All those who complete the challenge can also be entered into a prize draw to win one of three family tickets to the Aladdin pantomime at the Playhouse Theatre in Weston-super-Mare.

Each primary school will be sent a certificate at the end of Circus Stars giving the number of children in the school who started and completed Circus Stars.

In North Somerset's libraries we have special homework collections and other books for project work as well as a large range of children's fiction. Any of these books can be ordered by children free of charge either in their local library or online from our library catalogue at [www.librarieswest.org.uk](http://www.librarieswest.org.uk). If you are interested in bringing a class to visit the library please contact Naomi Tregellas on 01934 426966, by e-mail at [naomi.tregellas@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:naomi.tregellas@n-somerset.gov.uk) or your local library direct.

Thank you for reminding the children about Circus Stars. We look forward to seeing them again soon and hope they enjoy using their local library throughout the year.

**[Naomi Tregellas](#), Acting Librarian - Children and Young People, Weston Library**

## DfE Consultations

The Government has recently issued three consultations:

- Implementation of the 2010-11 Review of Education Capital (The James Review) - contact officer Sally Varley
- Consultation on school funding reform: Proposals for a fairer system - contact officer Louise Malik. (See briefing document on the [September 2011](#) web page).
- Consultation on the basis for the decision on the appropriate amount of Academies Funding Transfer for 2011-12 and 2012-13 - contact officer Louise Malik. (See briefing document on the [September 2011](#) web page).

These consultations have implications for children and young people, schools and the council. Two briefing sessions have been arranged which are open to school staff and governors to attend on:

**21 September - 19.00 to 21.00 at Priory School or  
27 September - 14.00 to 16.00 venue to be confirmed**

The session will aim to inform you of the potential implications of the proposals and enable you to submit an informed response to the consultations if you so wish.

If you would like to attend please contact [julie.bishop@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:julie.bishop@n-somerset.gov.uk) (Julie Bishop - Policy in the global address list) or telephone 01934 634643 to book a place.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the officers detailed above

**[Louise Malik](#), Service Manager (Resources)  
[Sally Varley](#), Service Manager (Planning and Access)**

### **Operation Hindsight: Preventing Violent Extremism in North Somerset**

Steve Robinson and Rory Gunter (Avon and Somerset Police) are providing a free 2 hour workshop on **26 September**, 2pm- 4pm at Police Headquarters, Portishead called Operation Hindsight: Preventing Violent Extremism.

The purpose of the event is to look together at which people may be prone to radicalization, and how we can work together in North Somerset to spot and disrupt this behaviour, as well as discussing some of the concerns and stigmas associated with data sharing, and how to report concerns.

This workshop is open to all, but is particularly important for those working with adolescents.

Places are **free** to all staff and can be booked via [CPD Online](#).

**[Sarah Taylor](#), Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training and Support Officer**

### **Looked After Children's Award Ceremony**

This year's ceremony will take place on **2 October 2011**. Nomination forms have been sent to all designated teachers within schools and we urge you to complete these as soon as possible and send back to [tina.robins@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tina.robins@n-somerset.gov.uk).

Nominations can be for a variety of different achievements: in sports or leisure, at school or in their foster home.

Foster carers have received the nomination form as well so that we can include as many children as we can for the event.

Your assistance is very much appreciated.

**[Tina Robins](#), PA to Assistant Director (Integrated Services)**

## Amended Dates – Network Meetings for Designated Teachers for Children and Young People Looked After

**Dates:** 9 November 2011, 7 March 2012, 4 July 2012  
**Time:** 2pm – 4pm  
**Where:** 9 November and 4 July – The Campus, Weston-super-Mare  
7 March – Clevedon Community School (TBC)

### PLEASE IGNORE PREVIOUS DATES PUBLISHED

These sessions now form part of the Statutory Training for Designated Teachers for children and young people in care, and are facilitated by Kaye Case and Norman Tyson, Head Teachers of the Virtual School.

The sessions will be very informative and responsive to your needs and will support the work of Designated Teachers in school, sharing latest information, enhancing resources and equipping you with the knowledge and skills to enable Looked After Children to lead successful and fulfilled lives.

The sessions are now on [CPD Online](#) or contact the School Administrator, Becky Farler, on 01934 421900 or [becky.farler@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:becky.farler@n-somerset.gov.uk).

[Kaye Case](#) and [Norman Tyson](#) – Head Teachers, Virtual School.

### New Courses for Practitioners who work with children and their families

- Child Development (2 day course)
- Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour
- Working with Loss and Resilience
- Effective Communication with children, young people, parents and groups (2 day course)

These courses will provide practitioners with the essential skills and knowledge to work effectively with children and families with additional and complex needs. The courses will be suitable for people who work to provide early intervention; family support; make assessments and work with children and families with complex needs. These courses are available at no cost to delegates working with children and families living in North Somerset. The courses are being delivered by colleagues from the Educational Psychology Service who bring their professional and practise expertise to the courses that they deliver.

Each course will be offered three times a year, starting this Autumn. All details are available on [CPD Online](#). The full learning and development programme for all those working with children, young people and their parents in North Somerset is available via this link [Learning and Development Programme](#)

[Louise Lynch](#), Integrated Working Support and Development Officer

## New Training Courses Available

### **Inter Agency Child Protection: E-Safety**

This half day module provided by South West Grid for Learning is available for booking on **Tuesday 8 November** 1pm-4pm and **Tuesday 31 January** 9.30am-12noon. Both sessions will take place at The Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare. Places can be booked via [CPD Online](#) and cost £20.

### **Inter Agency Child Protection: Professionals who Abuse**

Following national and local incidents involving professionals who abuse children, this workshop is designed to assist managers or leaders of organisations, designated and head teachers, to safeguard children and to increase confidence in the arrangements to keep organisations and children safe. It is suitable ONLY for those who have management responsibility for the behaviour of staff in respect of safeguarding children in the setting.

This workshop is led by Mike Reay and Sarah Taylor and takes place on **Monday 10 October** 9.30am- 12.45pm at The Winter Gardens, Weston super Mare. Places can be booked via [CPD Online](#).

[Sarah Taylor](#), Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training and Support Officer

## Courses from Bristol Libraries

### **Tuesday 27 September - "Paper, Scissors, Cut!" with Paul Johnson. Raise standards of writing in your school by making books with pupils**

On this intensive hands-on INSET expect to make over twenty different book forms using only paper and scissors.

### **Tuesday 4 October - Managing an LRC**

This course is designed for new or recently appointed school library staff and will cover the numerous aspects of management and promotion of the secondary school Learning Resource Centre.

### **Wednesday 5th October - New Library Co-ordinators**

If you're new to the role of Library Co-ordinator this information-packed course will equip you with the advice and skills to make a great start.

### **Wednesday 12 October – Peter's Bookbuying Visit**

With a 15% discount on most items, optional servicing for paperbacks and free classification of non-fiction. This visit especially for school staff will give you a chance to choose from 25,000 of the best children's titles - fiction, non-fiction, big books, CDs and more. A SLS staff member on hand to assist in stock selection and there is free transport by minibus from Bristol Parkway Station.

Please see the fliers on the [September 2011](#) web page for further details of these courses.

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