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Children and Young Peoples Services

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Big Meeting: 4 November 2011

This is an important meeting for all headteachers and takes place on **4 November at Cadbury House, Congresbury from 8.30am** (refreshments from 8.00am) and finishes by 11.45am. We will be providing an update on national and local developments. We will also be joined by Barry Burnbridge from the National College who will be delivering our key note speech on the future shape of school leadership.

[Sheila Smith](#), Director of Children and Young People's Services

Update from the Learning Exchange



Secondary RE Cluster Network

Please note that there will be an **RE Network Meeting** this term for secondary school RE teachers. Do please attend if you possibly can. The meeting this term will be of great relevance to all RE leaders, as it will focus on building up students' knowledge, understanding and evaluation skills through new schemes of learning for the new agreed syllabus.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15 November, 4.00pm – 5.30 pm** at Worle School, Redwing Drive, Worle, Weston super Mare, BS22 8XX.

There is no need to book a place, and there is no direct cost to schools, but please let [Dave Francis](#), RE Adviser (01275 884034) know if you intend to be there or not – that will help us plan for refreshments! Hoping to see you there.

KS2 Data

The KS2 benchmarking data is now available to schools on NOIR. KS1 data will follow shortly.

RAISEonline workshops

- Do you know what's new in RAISEonline?
- Do you know what has replaced CVA and what effect it will have on judgements about progress in your school?
- Do you know how Ofsted will be using the new RAISEonline to inform their judgements about achievement in your school?

The **Schools Network** (formerly the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust) is holding a series of half-day workshops to help primary schools understand the new RAISEonline and ensure that they are confident when using it to help plan their own school improvement and in preparation for an Ofsted inspection.

Please see the information on the [October 2011](#) web page to book your place.

[Sue Ivermee](#), Principal Adviser

Guidance for Schools Requesting Data – FFT and RAISEonline

If a school requires data e.g. Family Fisher Trust (FFT), RAISEonline, etc, please note that Business Support or the Information Management Team no longer have the capacity to provide this level of support. Headteachers can obtain this information by logging into NOIR on Merlin

and all headteachers should have access to NOIR. If you have mislaid your username / password or are a new headteacher and require access to NOIR please contact darren.parker@n-somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01275 884960).

FFT Live

FFT Live has been updated and includes reports based on KS1 data. This provides:

- KS1 Contextual Outcomes for 2010/11
- Estimates for 2014/15 (current Year3 pupils)

NOIR

We have recently received a new upload from FFT which includes:

- KS2 estimates for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15
- KS2 Est Act 2010-11
- KS3 estimates for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14
- KS3 Est Act 2010-11
- KS4 estimates for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15

All of this is now available within the NOIR > FFT datafiles and Reports > 2011 > October. If you are a new headteacher or new member of staff that requires access to this information or you need help with regards to NOIR please contact darren.parker@n-somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01275 884960.

Darren Parker, CYPS Directorate Web Officer

DfE 16-19 Consultations

The Department for Education has recently launched two separate, but inter linking 16-19 consultations covering both study programmes and funding. Both of these consultations are designed to support the Raising of the Participation Age. Schools and Academies are encouraged to respond.

Study Programmes for 16-19 year olds

Launch Date: Thursday 6 October 2011

Closing Date: Thursday 5 January 2012

Professor Wolf's Review of Vocational Education published in March 2011 recommended that, in order to meet the needs of the modern labour market, the overall study programmes of all full time students following largely vocational programmes in state-funded provision should be governed by a set of general principles relating primarily to content, general structure, assessment arrangements and contact time. All students, regardless of the course they are on, who are under 19 and do not have GCSE A*- C in English and/or maths should be required as part of the programme to take a course which either leads directly to these qualifications, or which provide significant progress towards GCSE entry and success.

Schools and colleges will be encouraged to prioritise longer high quality internships or placements for 16-19 year olds, reflecting the fact that almost no young people move into full-time employment at 16. This new approach, planned to be introduced at the same time as a

new funding formula in 2013, will give providers substantially more freedom in designing full time course provision for students between the age of 16 and 19.

[16-19 Funding Formula Review](#)

Launch Date: Thursday 6 October 2011

Closing Date: Wednesday 4 January 2012

The Secretary of State announced the intention to review the 16-19 Funding Formula in the Young People's Learning Agency's *16-19 Funding Statement* published in December 2010.

Proposals in the consultation include moving away from the current complex system of funding on the basis of 'payment per qualification' to introduce a much simpler system of funding at the level of the learner.

[Marie Horton](#), Partnership Adviser

Change to Music Curriculum Support & Enrichment Contact

For the last eight years Della Nutt has been the main Curriculum Support and Enrichment contact at the Music Service for schools and other settings engaging in these activities. She has managed Caro Barrett, Anne Clough and Helen Page's diaries and liaised with schools over CPD courses, school visits, festivals, network meetings, workshops, activities and events. Della has decided to move on to a great new job from the end of October and we all wish her well.

However, Della's post is not being filled and her duties will be shared by a number of colleagues. Therefore, we ask that in future when schools contact the Music Service by email regarding any of the activities that Della would normally have dealt with, they use the following (long but hopefully explanatory) email address

musiccurriculum.supportandenrich@n-somerset.gov.uk

All messages sent to this mailbox will then be dealt with by the appropriate person. Regarding all other matters please continue using the normal email addresses. The telephone contact number remains 01934 426430.

[Mark Trego](#), Music Service Manager

Pupil Premium in Year Increase

On the 12 October 2011 the Department for Education announced that this year's Pupil Premium for disadvantaged pupils has been increased from £430 to £488; an additional £58 per pupil. The money has been released because fewer children than expected have registered for Free School Meals and fulfils the Government's commitment to allocate £625m to the pupil premium this year. Children who have been looked after by local authorities for more than six months will also qualify for the Pupil Premium at the higher rate. The funding premium for children of service families will remain at £200 per pupil for 2011-12. Details including an individual school summary for the FSM element can be found at [here](#).

For Local Authority maintained schools your increase in allocation will be calculated. It will show on the next Notice of LA Income and will appear on XI33 on the next cash advance/reconciliation file as appropriate. Academies will receive this funding from the YPLA.

We will also be reconciling the data for the number of pupils eligible for the pupil premium held by the DfE to what was allocated in the Formula Budget Share for FSM and Service children. To view this information for your school for the FSM element please refer to the link above and click on "Pupil Premium 2011-12 School Tables - Final".

Clare Pearce, Schools Funding Finance Officer

Information Communication Sheets

Full copies of these documents and any attachments for the month of October can be accessed on our website at [October 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>.

		Target audience
1112/0011	ICT Newsletter – Term 1 October 2011	All staff in schools, Pupil Referral Units

Early Years Foundation Stage CPD Courses 2011-12

Please find a list of the EYFS CDP courses offered this year on the [October 2011](#) web page. Places can be booked on [CPD Online](#) under the references given.

Andrea Sully, Senior Adviser for early Years and Transforming Learning

Early Years Foundation Stage Small Schools Cluster

There has been a request from several Foundation Stage teachers and some headteachers to set up a Foundation Stage small schools cluster. This cluster is aimed at Foundation Stage teachers who either work in a small school or in a school which is one form entry. There will be three sessions over the course of the academic year and the first session will be on:

Thursday 10 November 2011
2.30pm to 4.30pm
Court de Wyck Primary School

The focus of the first session will be planning, so please bring your long term, medium term and short term planning to the cluster meeting. Places are limited, so if you would like to attend please email heather.kirkpatrick@n-somerset.gov.uk. If you would like any further details about this cluster please email sarah.mcguhern@n-somerset.gov.uk. If you can attend, please park your car on the front playground of Court de Wyck Primary School.

Sarah McGahern, Early Years Consultant and Moderation Manager

An Introduction to Playwork

Please see information on the [October 2011](#) web page about a training course on the **12 November** for those interested in working with or volunteering with children and young people in their out of school time. Please let me know if you are interested and please be aware that spaces are limited and are free, so it is expected to fill up quickly!

[Heather Brumby](#), Research and Liaison Officer

Calling all Primary Bursars and Administrators!

Our next meeting is an all-day event and will be held at Priory School on **Thursday 17 November** – so put this date in your diaries in advance and book on [CPD Online](#)! We will circulate a programme nearer to the time, but if you have any burning issues you wish addressed, please let us know. We will also be discussing the future of the roles and the networks - so please come along as your input is essential!

For more information please contact one of us:

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[Sue Bishop](#), Bursar, St Martin's C of E School

Multi-Cultural Festival of Live Performance and Interactive Workshops

Weston's incredibly successful family learning festival is now in its third year and has been expanded to a multi-cultural event with funding from Awards For All, part of the Big Lottery Fund. Look out for a lively, fun packed programme of live performance and interactive family workshops from around the world in Weston-super-Mare for the entire month of November.

Schools and other venues in Weston-super-Mare are opening their doors as part of the family learning experience to extend discovery, excitement, learning and laughter to families. Learn a new dance, a new recipe or make an ideal Christmas gift, with puppet making, animation, performance, drumming, music and storytelling. It's a perfect time to get the family together to try something new and join in the fun. The festival's main aim is to introduce families to culture from around the world, to understand, explore and celebrate cultures through interactive family workshops. Sign up for a journey of discovery that takes us from Lapland to the Balkans, from Southern India to the Caribbean, Africa and South America, stopping off at Japan, and the Bath and Java interchange along the way.

All family workshops are just £3 per family.

We have extended the invitation to all schools in North Somerset and have spaces on the following workshops. Please promote within your schools:

Family Rama and Sita, A Hindu Love Story - Captivating Theatre with participation	3 November, 6.30pm to 7.30pm Uphill Primary School
Family Japanese Taiko Drumming	9 November, 5.30pm to 6.30pm or 7pm to 8pm The For All Healthy Living Centre, 68 Lonsdale Ave, Weston-super-Mare
Family Middle Eastern and Egyptian Dance with traditional food	11 November from 4pm to 5pm Broadoak College
Family Gamelan Java Percussion - Explore music of Indonesia using gongs and chimes	12 November, 10.30am to 1pm and 1pm to 2.30pm at Broadoak College
Family Brazilian Drumming and Samba Workshop	18 November, 3.30pm to 5.30pm Westhaven Special School, Uphill
Family Capoeira - A Brazilian non-contact martial art developed by African Slaves	21 November, 5pm to 6pm Christ Church Primary
Family Balkan Gypsy Dance	28 November, 6pm to 8pm Corpus Christi Primary
Family Morris and Traditional Folk Dance with stick hankies, live music with locally produced food	30 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm The For All Healthy Living Centre, 68 Lonsdale Avenue, Weston-super-Mare

See Broadoak College website for a programme, full details and booking form www.broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk. Please return booking forms directly to Xanne Blythe at Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College, Windwhistle Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 4NP. Bookings for any of the above workshops can be taken by phone and can be paid for on the night.

Families who attend more than one workshop automatically enter into a prize draw with great family prizes from Explore@Bristol, St Georges Bristol, Weston Playhouse Theatre, Weston Museum and Mendip Outdoor Pursuits.

Please contact Xanne Blythe, Partnership Manager, Extended Schools on telephone 01934 422000, mobile 079 2006 1445 or email xab@broadoak.n-somerset.sch.uk.

Private Fostering Awareness Seminar

I would like to highlight the opportunity to attend the Private Fostering Awareness Seminar on Thursday 17 November 2011. The local authority has a duty to assess that all private fostering arrangements are assessed as per National Minimum Standards.

The purpose of this workshop is to:

- Raise awareness of private fostering
- Understand the definition of what constitutes a private fostering arrangement
- An overview of the regulations
- To provide an overview of the department's policies and procedures in relation to private fostering

To book a place, please click on the link [Private Fostering Awareness Seminar](#) or for further information contact:

[Dawn Williams](#), Integrated Workforce Development Team

Person Centred Training

22-24 November 2011

A three-day course aimed at school staff to develop skills in person centred reviews and the person centred tools and approaches that can be used. Please see the flyer on the [October 2011](#) web page and book via [CPD Online](#).

[Sarah Trigg](#), Assistant SEN Manager

Invite to 22q Deletion Syndrome meeting

Date: 2 February 2012 at 13:15 - 14:45

Venue: Castlewood, room G9/10

22q11.2 deletion syndrome is a condition affecting a number of children in North Somerset mainstream and special schools. The syndrome, also known as velo-cardio-facial or DiGeorge syndrome, is associated with a wide range of difficulties affecting learning, social and emotional development and physical health.

If you would like to meet up with other members of staff in schools teaching a child with 22q deletion, and with parents with a child with the condition, please feel free to come along to the meeting. The meeting will focus on sharing good practice generally and will look specifically at supporting children's numeracy development. Everyone welcome.

Please book a place on [CPD Online](#) and pass on the invite to parents.

[Gabrielle Stacey](#), Professional Lead Educational Psychologist