

## Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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Below are some of the documents uploaded to Somerset iPost this week that may be required by, or of interest to, schools.

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**Title:** ['Quality Education through a connected and extended curriculum' - \\*FULL\\* conference programme now available](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The \*FULL\* programme for the SSE Conference 2020 – 'Quality Education through a connected and extended curriculum' is now available to browse through ahead of the day on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Dillington House** in Ilminster. The packed day will be full of workshops and sessions led by our support services and event partners, a chance to browse a wide range of exhibition stands, presentations by key note speakers and opportunities to network with colleagues from across Somerset and beyond.

**Contact:** [SSE@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSE@somerset.gov.uk) or 0300 123 7365

**Access:** **SSE Website (you will need to login to book)**

**Title:** [New schools' helpline for Coronavirus](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The Department of Education (DfE) has launched a new helpline for schools to answer education-related questions about COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

**Contact:** [DfE.coronavirus@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirus@education.gov.uk) or 0800 046 8687

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Clarification for families - Joint Ofsted/CQC inspection of SEND services](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** A joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection is taking place next week, (9-13 March 2020). We have become aware of a technical error resulting in all parents of children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans receiving a letter outlining a visit by inspectors to their child's educational setting.

**Contact:** [SENDinspection@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SENDinspection@somerset.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Somerset Annual SENCO and SEN Governor Workshop](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The annual Somerset SENCO and SEN Governor Workshop on the 2nd June 2020 at Dillington House, Ilminster, will be a graduated response with a focus on pupil and parent participation, subsidised by Somerset Local County Council and Somerset Governor Services.

**Contact:** [InclusionSENSupportservices@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:InclusionSENSupportservices@somerset.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Non-statutory guidance to schools on Character Education and development for pupils](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** In November, last year, the DfE published non-statutory guidance for schools on character education and development. This guidance is for school leaders and teachers considering the rationale for character education and personal development, and the practicalities of provision and delivery.

**Contact:** [rshe.earlyadopters@education.gov.uk](mailto:rshe.earlyadopters@education.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Update on Public Health England resources](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Public Health England provides free, curriculum linked resources which offer ready-made PSHE lesson plans which map against the new RSE and Health Education statutory guidance. Rise Above for Schools focuses on building resilience and improving mental health in young people (10-16 year olds) and currently has resources available on a range of topics including: forming positive relationships; dealing with change; body image in a digital world; puberty; sleep and social media.

**Contact:** [partnerships@phe.gov.uk](mailto:partnerships@phe.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [SCC ICT will be hosting the #sweet2020 \(South West Exhibition of Educational Technology\) conference on 10th September at Dillington House, Ilminster.](#)

**Audience:** All School Staff

**Summary:** Booking is now live for this exciting event which will be an opportunity for schools to take part in an informative and engaging day that will showcase educational technology. Visit: [www.sccict.co.uk/sweet-2020](http://www.sccict.co.uk/sweet-2020). This is a NEW DATE from that previously advertised due to concerns over the coronavirus and the possible implications for schools.

**Contact:** [sgratton@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sgratton@somerset.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [First Aid Lessons for Children and Young People](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** As of September 2020, the Department for Education has decided that all state funded schools will be required to teach first aid as part of health education.

**Contact:** [SSE@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSE@somerset.gov.uk) or 0300 123 7365

**Access:** SSE Website

**Title:** [SSE offers Headteacher Recruitment Administration Assistance](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Why not take the hard work out of Headteacher recruitment and the strain away from your internal school administrators by purchasing SSE's administration assistance. We offer a professionally administrated service which is great value for money.

**Contact:** [SSERecruitment@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSERecruitment@somerset.gov.uk) or 0300 123 7365

**Access:** SSE Website

**Title:** [\\*FREE\\* 2 Hour Parents / Guardians Workshop for Primary Schools](#)

**Audience:** All Primary Schools

**Summary:** Young Somerset is offering a free 2 hour workshops for parents to support their children in the transition to Secondary School. They can deliver sessions at your school and offer these completely free until 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020.

**Contact:** [CharlotteJohnson@youngsomerset.org.uk](mailto:CharlotteJohnson@youngsomerset.org.uk) or 01278 722100.

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Schools Funding and Accounting Contact Details](#)

**Audience:** Finance Officers and/or Head Teachers and/or Governors

**Summary:** As from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 Schools Funding and Accounting (SFAT) will be operating from a new mailbox. Areas covered by SFAT are detailed in the circular uploaded to iPost (see link above). The mailbox is currently available but will be fully in use from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 for all matters relating to schools in the new Financial Year.

**Contact:** [Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk) or 01823 359711

**Access:** Somerset Learning Platform – iPost

**Title:** [2020-21 Formula Budget Statement](#)

**Audience:** Finance Officers and/or Head Teachers and/or Governors

**Summary:** Mainstream Schools Budget Statements for 2020-21 are now available on iPost together with a [Budget Guidance Document](#).

**Contact:** [Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk) or 01823 359711

**Access:** Somerset Learning Platform – iPost

**Title:** [SFAT Timelines for returns 2020-21 Financial Year](#)

**Audience:** Finance Officers and/or Head Teachers and/or Governors

**Summary:** An SFAT Time-table for returns 2020-21 Financial Year has been issued on iPost to enable schools to plan Governor Meetings for sign-off of returns.

**Contact:** [Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Schoolsfunding@somerset.gov.uk) or 01823 359711

**Access:** Somerset Learning Platform – iPost

**Title:** [Autism Networking Event](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** An Autism Networking Event is taking place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Locking Castle Church in Weston-Super-Mare. For more information, please see attached flyer.

**Contact:** [differentperspectives98@gmail.com](mailto:differentperspectives98@gmail.com) or 01934 628544.

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Somerset Leadership Conference](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** SCIL in partnership with the University of Worcester are hosting a Somerset Inspiring Leadership Conference, taking place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at Dillington House in Ilminster. To find out more information and to book, please see attached.

**Contact:** [SCIL@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SCIL@somerset.gov.uk) or 0300 123 1967

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [The Role of the Early Years SENCO](#)

**Audience:** All schools

**Summary:** An essential training course on the 9th June 2020 at Somerset skills and learning is for both EY Practitioners new to the SENCo role and experienced EY SENCos wishing to update their knowledge and skills. Practitioners who undertake this training may choose to build on these 2 days which form the initial part of the accredited Level 3 National EY SENCo Award.

**Contact:** [InclusionSENSupportservices@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:InclusionSENSupportservices@somerset.gov.uk) or 01823 357000

**Access:** Public

**Blue sheet and Teaching Vacancies**

The Blue sheets and Teaching bulletin are distributed on a Friday each week. The deadlines for these bulletins are – Monday at 12 noon for the Blue sheets and Thursday at 11am for the Teaching bulletin. Adverts received after these times will not be included in that week's bulletin. The Somerset Teaching Vacancy and Blue Sheet Vacancy Bulletins can now be found on the SSE website, please see [here](#).