

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 13th 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: [SSE Conference 2020 *postponed*](#)

Audience: All schools

Summary: Due to the unforeseeable circumstances regarding COVID-19 outbreak, we have unfortunately decided to postpone the SSE Conference on Thursday 26th March at Dillington House. We felt that as the attendees were mainly Headteachers from schools it is essential that they did not feel drawn away from more pressing priorities within the school. We hope to reschedule for a date later this year, but will confirm details as soon as possible.

Contact: sse@somerset.gov.uk or 0300 123 7365

Access: Public

Title: [Coronavirus – update for early years, children’s social care, schools and further education providers](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The government coronavirus action plan sets out what the UK has done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what we plan to do next. The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

Contact: The Department of Education coronavirus helpline – 0800 046 8687.

Access: Public

Title: [Coronavirus & Sickness Payment Scheme](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: We would encourage schools to regularly check the Public Health England website as updates are being published on a regular basis. Attached are links from Public Health England which offer guidance on the Coronavirus.

Contact: If you have any queries, please contact your designated HR Adviser or the HR duty line on 01823 355992.

Access: Public

Title: [Educational Psychology Wellbeing in Schools Conference CANCELLED](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: We are sure you will have been following the developments in the response to COVID-19 in the news. The current situation is unprecedented and is clearly causing worry and concern due to the nature of our roles working with children and young people. In response to this, the decision has been made to postpone the Wellbeing in Schools conference next week.

Contact: sse@somerset.gov.uk , weshield@somerset.gov.uk , mhoughton@somerset.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Notification of determination of admissions arrangements for 2021/22 academic year.](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Attached is a letter informing you that Somerset Local Authority (LA) and a number of own admission authorities have now determined their admission arrangements for the 2021/22 academic year.

Contact: admissionsconsultation@somerset.gov.uk or 01823 356671

Access: Public

Title: [Somerset County Youth Concert Band Easter course](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Please find attached an application form for the Somerset County Youth Concert Band Easter course which is taking place on Monday 6th April and Wednesday 8th April 2020. It is open to brass, woodwind and percussion players of grade 3 – 5 standard or equivalent.

Contact: Sarah Alsop – salsop@somerset.gov.uk or 0300 123 7364

Access: Public

Title: [State of Trust – Where Is Home 2020 Project for the Hinkley Point C catchment schools](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Would you like FREE movement / drama workshops in your school that link with the PSHE, Citizenship and British Values agenda? **State of Trust** is a small charity, based in Somerset using the arts as a therapeutic tool to bring communities together and develop relationships

through the common language of music and dance. State of Trust's **'Where is Home? 2020'** is a community project working with children and young people across Bridgwater. The project will address the needs of fragmented communities that have been impacted by Hinkley Point C.

Contact: Deborah Baddoo at deborah@stateofemergencyltd.com

Access: Public

Title: [Relationships, Sex and Health Education Twilight](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Following the success of our last Twilight Session (Schemes of Work and RSE resources which can be used across the Key Stages as you prepare for the new RSHE legislation), we now have an opportunity to discuss and review resources for Health and Wellbeing on the 17th of March 2020 at The Nurture Shed, Bridgwater.

Contact: info@lifebeat.co.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Express your interest in the new Youth Forum](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The Youth Forum is an opportunity for young people to explore and discuss topics that are important to them and other young people growing up in Somerset today, whilst having some fun and making new friends.

Contact: Fiona Phur FZPur@somerset.gov.uk or 07811307699

Access: Public

Title: [LIFEbeat Youth Camp Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Registrations are now open for Staff and Volunteers for the Somerset LIFEbeat Summer Camps 2020. The dates for the camps this summer are 1st to 11th August at Kilve Court and the 18th to 28th August at Kilve Court. The deadline for the first round of applications will be **Friday 20th March.**

Contact: info@lifebeat.co.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Body Image, Self-esteem and Wellbeing](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: LIFEBeat, Somerset's chosen RSHE training provider is offering a one-day CPD training for school professionals to explore the theme of Body Image, self-esteem and wellbeing. It will take place at The Conference Centre, South Petherton on the 20th of April 2020.

Contact: info@lifebeat.co.uk

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](#).