

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 11th June 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: [FAO: All Headteachers – short survey](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Please click [here](#) to answer a short survey regarding further expanding provision in schools. Please could all headteachers complete as soon as possible.

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Ordering Window 2020/21 on the SSE Website](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: This is reminder that the deadline to complete your order on the SSE Website and receive an Early Bird discount (where applicable) is the **3rd July 2020**. Orders placed after this date will not be subject to any discounts.

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

Access: SSE website

Title: [Higher Level Teaching Assistant Certificate at SCIL](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Are you a teaching assistant who would like to become a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant? Or are you already in the position but would like to consolidate their skills? This level 4 Higher Level Teaching Assistant Certificate, provided by SCIL, is a regulated qualification approved by Ofqual and allows learners to demonstrate to employers that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to fulfil the role.

Contact: SCIL@somerset.gov.uk or 0300 123 1967

Access: **SSE website**

Title: [ELSA training](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The ELSA training is for teaching assistants who are looking to develop their skills to support pupils in their school who are experiencing temporary or longer term additional emotional needs. For more information and to book onto the training, please click [here](#).

Contact: InclusionSENSupportservices@somerset.gov.uk

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

Title: [Black Lives Matter: Book lists for ages 0-16+](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The National Literacy Trust have brought together a series of book lists for children and young people of all ages to share black stories and promote black voices.

Contact: Please see contact information on website link.

Access: **Public**

Title: [School Transport – Face Coverings](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Whilst we strongly recommend that children travelling on contracted school transport vehicles wear a face covering, it is not a requirement and will not prevent children from travelling. For more information and further **guidance on wearing face coverings**, please see [here](#).

Contact: Please see DfE guidance.

Access: **Public**

Title: [Assistant Director of Education Partnerships announcement](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Please click [here](#) for the full announcement from Director of Children's Services, Julian Wooster, regarding the appointment of **Amelia Walker as the new Assistant Director of Education Partnerships.**

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Government Job Retention Scheme \(Furlough\) – Important Dates](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Government Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) is closing to new entrants on **30 June 2020**. From this point onwards, employers will only be able to furlough employees that they have furloughed for a full three-week period prior to 30 June 2020. For more information, please click [here](#).

Contact: HRPayroll@somerset.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Public Health Resources for Schools](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Public Health England have updated some resources that are available for schools. For more information, please click [here](#).

Contact: swhpt@phe.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Latest news for the Somerset Outdoor Curriculum](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Further training will happen every Thursday at 4pm. Training for week 2 will be 'Health & Safety relating to COVID-19 and Outdoor Learning'. To book for the H&S session on Thursday 11th June for 45 mins, please click [here](#).

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

Access: SSE website

Title: [Somerset School Staff Weekly Wellbeing Group](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: LIFEbeat is offering a weekly school staff wellbeing group session for School Professionals on Zoom at 4pm every Monday. The session is open to all Somerset school staff and will be safe and confidential.

Contact: Lucy Sicks at lucy@lifebeat.co.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Schools' Training: Rebuilding and Connecting School Communities – post COVID-19 lockdown](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: LIFEbeat is offering online training for Somerset schools to support the rebuilding of their school communities during this challenging time.

Contact: Lucy Sicks at lucy@lifebeat.co.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Changes to the recording of attendance in schools due to COVID-19](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The DfE have made changes to the way in which pupil attendance is recorded effective from 01/06/2020.

Contact: 01823 355090 or ICTHelpdesk@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [SSE's COVID-19 guidance and documents page](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: To view all the current COVID-19 guidance and documents for educational settings from Somerset County Council in one place, please visit the SSE website.

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Diving Deep in Computing: Somerset Educational Technology Conference 2020](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Somerset's SSE Educational Technology team 'Diving Deep in Computing' conference will now be taking place on Wednesday 25th November at Dillington House in Ilminster. The day considers why computing is a key part of the education we plan for our learners; and how we can plan and monitor an effective curriculum.

Contact: elimAdmin@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website (you will need to login to book)

Title: [National Writing Day – 24th June 2020](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: National Writing Day 2020 will be taking place on Wednesday 24 June. This will be the fourth annual celebration of the pleasure and power of writing creatively, inspiring people of all ages and abilities to try writing for fun and self-expression.

Contact: www.nationalwritingday.org.uk

Access: SSE website

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](#).