

Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 2nd July 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: [Claim COVID-19 Financial Support](#)

Audience: Finance Officers and/or Headteachers and/or Governors

Summary: On 7th April, the Department for Education (DfE) published guidance on school funding for exceptional costs associated with the coronavirus outbreak for the period March to July 2020. Schools are now able to make their first online claims for the additional costs incurred. See SFAT circular 17.2020 published on iPost 29th July 2020.

Contact: Schoolfunding@somerset.gov.uk or 01823 359711

Access: SLP – iPost (you will need to login)

Title: [SIMS Attendance: COVID-19 New Codes and Reports](#)

Audience: FAO: All Schools and SIMS Manager

Summary: A patch will be released to schools overnight on 30/06/2020 which introduces 3 additional temporary attendance codes to help with attendance recording in SIMS during the current crisis. A new report is also being released which will help with completing the daily DfE attendance return.

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

Access: Public

Title: [Announcement of Capita Looking To Sell Capita ESS](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: You will have received an email from Capita ESS recently announcing the intention of Capita to sell the Education Software Services branch of their operations. This is an outcome of a Capita group wide review and focussing of its strategy and future direction.

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

Access: Public

Title: [Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Predictions 2020](#)

Audience: Schools using the Somerset Tracking Package to record and analysis assessment data

Summary: Overview of the marksheets and analysis reports which have been provided for schools wishing to record predicted teacher assessments in the summer term

This document can be found within the **Assessment** section. Alternatively use **Ctrl + F** and search for "Predictions".

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

Access: SSE website (restricted to SIMS Purchasers)

Title: [Exams 2020 and possible requests for personal data - eLIM DPO advice for schools](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: When examination grades based on teacher assessments are published in August 2020, schools and colleges may receive requests for information, e.g. from students unhappy with their assessed grades.

Contact: DPOschools@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [eLIM Pilot Project: GoBubble - Digital Communities to support pupil wellbeing](#)

Audience: Somerset Primary Schools

Summary: The eLIM team are delighted to offer an exciting opportunity for forward-thinking Somerset Primary Schools to take part in a new pilot project, promoting pupil wellbeing through the GoBubble platform, from the award-winning creators of e-cadets. There is also information regarding the eLIM Blended Learning Support and Guidance document.

Contact: Matthew Mustafic at mmustafic@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Government Laptop Scheme Update](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: For Headteachers of schools who have already confirmed with SCC the eligibility of disadvantaged learners, please see the attached letter updating on the progress of the rollout.

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Managing Annual Leave During COVID-19](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Please see attached guidance regarding managing annual leave during COVID-19, as well as a copy of the Quarantine Leave form referred to in the guidance document.

Contact: HRPayroll@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Free School Meals during Summer Holidays](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: The DfE have agreed to fund £15 a week for food for free school meals for students entitled to free school meals for the summer of 2020.

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [FAO of Designated Safeguarding Leads – online DSL presentations](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: Please find attached the [Microsoft Teams](#) links for the Education Safeguarding Service Designated Safeguarding Lead Briefings. Click on the session you wish to attend starting the week of July 6th, 2020.

Contact: Jane Weatherill at JWeatherill@somerset.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service – Fire Safety Visits and Resources](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: We would now be planning for schools' visits by our Fire Service Education Team starting in September, however, we realise that this may not be possible. In the interim, we do have a full suite of resources available on our website to support delivery of key fire safety and prevention messages.

Contact: education@dsfire.gov.uk

Access: Public

Title: [SSE Outdoors – Summer Camps & Day Visits](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: This Summer, SSE Outdoors have an array of adventure camps and day visits jam packed with activities from beach exploration to the high ropes and racing around on wheels. You can pay via childcare vouchers or apply for funding via their bursary.

Contact: SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

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

Audience: All Schools

Summary: This is a reminder that the theme for next week will be '**Nature doesn't do Lockdown**' and the curriculum has been put together by Avon Wildlife Trust in conjunction with other SSE partners. Unfortunately due to staff sickness, we have had to postpone the training, which was originally to be hosted on the 25th June, to **THURSDAY 2ND of JULY**. We sincerely apologise if this has caused any inconvenience. We will continue to share resources for week 5 and hope you can understand our position.

Contact: SSE@somerset.gov.uk

Access: SSE website

Title: [Rebuilding and Connecting School Communities Training](#)

Audience: All Schools

Summary: For those that were unable to attend the training, please see attached PowerPoint presentation as well as notes on the Rebuilding and Connecting School Communities training that took place and was delivered by LIFEbeat in June.

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

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: [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 Education 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)

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](#).