

## Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 9<sup>th</sup> 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:** [\\*SAVE THE DATE\\* - SSE Conference – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we unfortunately had to postpone our SSE Conference that was due to take place on the 26th March this year at Dillington House in Ilminster. We are pleased to announce that we have rescheduled and have a new date of **Tuesday 23rd March 2021**, so please make sure to save the date in your diary!

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

**Access:** **SSE website**

**Title:** [COVID-19 Webinars for Schools](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Please find below a link to a webinar which explains the COVID-19 guidelines for educational settings: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/covid-19-educational-settings-webinar-tickets-109457638744>

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

**Access:** **SSE website**

**Title:** [Summer Holiday and Out of School Clubs](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Please see attached letter from Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services, regarding holiday activities, provision and childcare during the summer.

**Contact:** Alison Jeffery at [AJeffery@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:AJeffery@somerset.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [DBS Update – Break in 'Service' due to COVID 19: Applicable to all roles subject to DBS clearance - schools and SCC services](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** In order to reduce the number of people required to obtain a new DBS (due to a break in engagement of 3 months or more) prior to recommencing the same role, we would suggest that where possible schools and SCC Services engage the same volunteers/casual staff/supply teachers as those who were in the role pre COVID-19.

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [Assessments and Data Guidance](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Following a number of enquiries from schools about the transfer of pupils' assessment data at the various recognised transition points, please see attached guidance that can be downloaded, which we hope will be helpful.

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [COVID Summer Food Fund- Year 11 End Dates](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The FSM policy team at the DfE have now confirmed that the COVID-19 Summer Food Fund is available to provide support where needed to Y11 and Y13 pupils, who were confirmed as eligible and claiming benefits-related free school meals during the summer term, regardless of whether they remain registered with the school.

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [SASP Resources and Ideas for Children at Home](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Resources for a more active numeracy and literacy lessons for Key Stage 1 and 2 have been created by SASP. For more information on other events, resources and training available from SASP, including the PE Premium announcement, please view their latest newsletter [here](#).

**Contact:** [enquiries@sasp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sasp.co.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [School Games Virtual Challenges](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** SASP are excited to announce the launch of the Virtual Somerset School Games Challenge website. It is designed so that children can take part in progressive challenges and represent their school regardless if they are in school or at home.

**Contact:** [enquiries@sasp.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sasp.co.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [PE Premium Announcement](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The Education Secretary has confirmed that schools in England will benefit from £320 million from the PE and Sport Premium during the academic year.

**Contact:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pe-and-sport-premium-for-schools-confirmed>

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Voice of Schools Survey 2020](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The National Executive Advisory Committee (NEAC) for Service Children in State Schools (SCISS) is inviting you to share your views on support for Service children in state schools in England. As the Voice of Schools supporting Service children, they want to respond at a national level on your behalf to policy makers, making a real difference to the lives of Service children and their families.

**Contact:** [www.sciss.org.uk/sciss-neac](http://www.sciss.org.uk/sciss-neac)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Reading Together Day – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Families and schools across the country are invited to take part in the celebration of

reading together on 16 July as part of the Reading Together Day, coordinated by The Reading Agency.

**Contact:** <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/reading-together-day-announced-for-16-july-2020.html>

**Access:** SSE website

**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](mailto:SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.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](mailto:lucy@lifebeat.co.uk)

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [Spelling Detectives Training](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Long Sutton Golf Club in Langport, this training course will provide SENCOs, teachers and teaching assistants with the training and materials to deliver a Wave 2 intervention which focuses on the improvement of spelling skills.

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

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

**Title:** [Mathematical Learning Difficulties and Dyscalculia - Supporting Children](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** This training course on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, delivered by the Virtual School and Learning Support Service, will cover the reasons why children with a Mathematical Learning Difficulty, including Dyscalculia, struggle to develop number sense and fluency with number and how they can be supported in the classroom.

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

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

**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](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](#).