

## Weekly Update to Schools - Essential Statutory and Other Useful Documents for Schools – 16<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:** [SPOT \(Sensory, Physical and Occupational Therapy\) Service Performance Survey July 2020](#)

**Audience:** All SENCOs

**Summary:** Please see below a survey invitation from the SPOT service to help them strive to continually evaluate and improve their service provisions. Your thoughts and feedback will help them make key improvements by driving positive change in the life of our children and young people. Please take a few minutes and fill out this short survey to share your thoughts and experience with them. The survey will remain open until **30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

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

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [\\*Save the Date\\* - Joint Working Co-Production and Workshop event](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The SPOT team, along with Children and Young People's Therapy Service, Local Authority SEND Advisory Services and Autism and Communication Service, will be running a virtual Joint Working Co-Production and Workshop event on the **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**. More details are to follow.

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

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Foundation Degree courses at SCIL](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Would you like to progress in your teaching career? Are you or a colleague looking for a new challenge? SCIL, who offer training and continued professional development to staff and volunteers in schools, early years settings, childminders, voluntary organisations and the children and young people's workforce, are offering Foundation Degree programmes in Teaching and Learning and Development from Early Years to Adolescence (0-19). For more information about the course programmes, please visit [here](#).

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [Can you put a banner up for fostering?](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Fostering In Somerset are now trying to secure a number of key locations with high visibility that could safely display a banner to further promote fostering. Many schools and colleges have large metal fences, often close to roads and high traffic areas – perfect locations for the above-mentioned banners. If you would like to help and feel you could accommodate a banner in any outward facing location (either now or in the Autumn Term), please get in touch.

**Contact:** 01823 355020 or [mmitchell@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mmitchell@somerset.gov.uk)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Avon and Somerset Police survey on school and college engagement](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Avon and Somerset Police need your help to understand what is working well and

areas that could be improved. They would be grateful if you could complete this simple survey which contains just 3 questions and closes on the **31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**.

**Contact:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ASCvSchools>

**Access: Public**

**Title:** [Summertime Book Review Competition](#)

**Audience:** Primary Schools

**Summary:** Schoolreaders' Summertime Book Review Competition, aimed at primary-aged children, is a great way to encourage reading and creative writing this summer! Two winners will get the chance, along with their class, to take part in a virtual video chat with M. G. Leonard and will also win £175 worth of books each for their school libraries, and £30 worth of books each for themselves. All entries need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 30th September. For more information on how to enter the competition, please click [here](#).

**Contact:** <https://www.schoolreaders.org/summertime-book-review-competition>

**Access: SSE website**

**Title:** [Updated HR and Payroll Guidance for Schools](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Please see attached the updated COVID-19 School HR and Payroll FAQs which are in line with the Government guidance for the full opening of schools from the beginning of the Autumn term. The guidance can also be viewed [here](#).

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

**Access: SSE website**

**Title:** [SCC and SSE school email bulletins](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, we will be reducing the frequency of SCC / SSE email bulletins to coincide with the DfE updates. Instead of daily, we will be sending a weekly bulletin on a Monday afternoon for the duration of the summer holidays.

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

**Access: Public**

**Title:** [eLIM Support for Online Learning](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** eLIM Education Technology team have provided a [checklist to support schools in developing the online learning](#) part of a contingency plan for changes in circumstances due to

COVID-19. This can be used to review your provision of learning via a digital learning platform or to consider implementation of a new tool. The document is based on the [Strategies for Blended Learning](#) which has more detail and is part of the support on the [blended learning page of their website](#).

**Contact:** [www.somersetelim.org](http://www.somersetelim.org)

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [SSE Governance Training 2020-2021](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Due to the impact of COVID-19, SSE Governance have adjusted their governance training and development programme for 2020-21 academic year with online and combined online and face-to-face training programmes available. For more information, please see flyer attached or visit [here](#).

**Contact:** [SGS@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:SGS@somerset.gov.uk) or 0300 790 6855

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [Payments for employers who hire new apprentices](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The government will introduce a new payment of £2,000 to employers in England for each new apprentice they hire aged under 25, and a £1,500 payment for each new apprentice they hire aged 25 and over, from **1st August 2020 to 31st January 2021**. These payments will be in addition to the existing £1,000 payment the government already provides for new 16-18-year-old apprentices, and those aged under 25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan – where that applies. For more information and guidance, please click [here](#).

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [SSE Outdoors Newsletter](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Please see attached the new SSE Outdoors newsletter, which includes information on all the current policies, activities, programmes and resources on offer for learning in an outdoor environment, as well as the COVID-19 procedures in place at their SSE Outdoor centres.

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [FAO All Headteachers – Survey regarding September Opening](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** Please click [here](#) to complete a short survey regarding your school plans for opening in September 2020.

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

**Access:** Public

**Title:** [Traffic concerns outside schools](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** We have had a few headteachers raising concerns about traffic issues outside schools as a result of arrangements that are having to be put in place to accommodate all pupils returning to school from the beginning of next term. The County's traffic engineers would be happy to be contacted by schools to discuss any highways, road safety or traffic management related issues or concerns that they may have.

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

**Access:** SSE website

**Title:** [September 2020 School Re-opening Risk Assessments](#)

**Audience:** All Schools

**Summary:** The risk assessments for the wider school opening from September onwards have now been uploaded onto EEC and on the SSE website. Please note these risk assessments are notably distinguishable from the other COVID risk assessments, as they begin with the title 'September 2020 COVID-19'.

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