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Draft Annual Planner for 2021-22

The draft Annual Planner for the 2021-22 academic year is [now available on Foldr](#).

We are planning to formally issue the annual planner on Tuesday 18 May.

If you have any comments or question about the timescales proposed in the draft annual planner please send them to jnorris@lsp.org.uk by no later than Friday 14 May.

Reception Intake Arrangements - September 2021

A discussion will take place at the Early Years Network meeting on Tuesday 15 June to consider establishing a consistent set of risk assessment control measures for September 2021 reception induction arrangements. Headteachers will be invited to join the meeting at 3.00pm for this purpose.

At this point in time, we hope to have Government guidance on how control measures in schools will be impacted by Step 4 of the COVID-19 roadmap (from Monday 21 June) and will be able to use this to inform our arrangements.

We recognise that arrangements need to meet the circumstances of each school, however, we hope that whilst reflecting this we can ensure that our control measures are consistent.

One thing that we can already confirm is that no home visits should take place for children joining your school in September 2021. Further arrangements will be considered by the group on Tuesday 15 June. Please ensure that any plans that you put in place before this date are communicated as being subject to change.

EDF Electricity Contracts (1st Oct 2018-30th Sept 2021 only)

Schools whose EDF electricity contracts expire on Thursday 30 September 2021 have been sent an email outlining their new per annum charges taking effect from 1 September 2021.

We had anticipated increases of 20% due to the new Targeted Charging Review so are pleased to inform you that:

- The NHH Electricity Contract expires on 30 September 2021 and a new 3 year contract has been placed with British Gas. There is an increase of 5.9% on the current charges (assuming consumption remains the same). The other 'best options' were quoting between 12%-16% increases making British Gas the best option despite still presenting an increase.
- The HH Electricity Contract expires on 30 September 2021 and a new 2 year contract has been placed with British Gas. There is an overall increase of 7.94% (assuming consumption remains the same), mainly due to the new Targeted Charging Review which comes into effect on 1 April 2022. The other 'best options' were quoting between 13%-17% increases making British Gas the best option again despite still presenting an increase.

If you have any questions about this contract please do not hesitate to contact me on bwatts@lsp.org.uk

Beth Watts, Procurement & Contracts Officer

Reminder: Governor Training - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

We are hosting a training session on Monday 10 May 2021 (6.00-7.00pm). The session will be hosted by Sue Ivermee, Director of Education and led by Jackie Easton, Bristol RSHE hub. To book your place please email jnorris@lsp.org.uk. You will then be sent a MS Teams Invitation for the session.

For information, schools and/or governors can access the [Bristol RSHE website](#) and register to access the hub materials (all free and DfE funded), or for governors to check if their schools have registered and are using the materials. Schools have to consult with parents on the new RSHE curriculum, which governors will need to check has happened. Governors also need to be aware of the statutory changes.

Catch-up Premium: Amended Guidance

The DfE has updated the [catch-up premium: coronavirus \(Covid-19\) guidance](#) to provide information on carrying funding forward beyond this academic year, accountability arrangements including [what schools in trusts need to publish online](#), and plans for Ofsted monitoring during the summer term.

Ofsted Inspections are due to start today; Tuesday 4 May. Details of the inspection plans are available at [Ofsted: coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rolling update](#). As part of these inspections, inspectors may discuss plans schools have to spend their catch-up premium funding.



Reminder to claim the cost of Wonde vouchers for Free School Meals

Today is the last day to re-claim the cost of your Wonde vouchers. If you have not already done so, please ensure that the claim is actioned for your school; The deadline is 23:59 tonight.

This link will take you to the claim form: <http://form.education.gov.uk/service/fsm-claim>

You can claim eligible costs related to free school meals and free meal additional costs during the period 4 January up to the start of the Easter holidays (as applicable). This includes the cost of Wonde vouchers that you have provided to pupils entitled to free school meals during this period.

The DfE have also [published guidance](#) to help you complete the form.

COVID-19 Risk Assessment Staff Survey: results from latest round

Last week (Tuesday 27 April) we ran the latest round of the COVID-19 Risk Assessment Survey for staff.

[Click here](#) to see the overview results of those who responded—it is a very positive picture. Each individual school has been emailed with their specific comments/suggestions.

The survey will be released again, via School Business Mangers, on Tuesday 11 May.

Resources to support Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) Staff returning to the workplace

We are aware that CEV staff returning to the workplace, after shielding was paused nationally on Wednesday 31 March, may have left some staff feeling anxious.

As identified in our risk assessments CEV staff in education and childcare settings are advised that, if it is possible for them to fulfil their role from home, they should continue to work remotely. If they cannot work from home, they should return to the workplace.

Where staff are feeling anxious, we would encourage leaders to discuss any individual concerns and to reassure staff of the system of controls in place. [The system of controls](#) in place in education and childcare settings when implemented in line with the school's risk assessment, create an inherently safer environment where the risk of transmission is substantially reduced. [Further sector specific guidance is available on GOV.UK.](#)

If you have members of staff who are feeling anxious about this change, there are a number of resources available to support their mental health and wellbeing, including:

- [Mentally Healthy Schools](#) - toolkits for staff and pupils
- [Headspace for Educators](#) - each school can set up a free account
- The Trust's free 24hr counselling helpline 0800 092 0987 and quoting the Scheme Number 72114.
- a free [24-hour helpline offered by Education Support](#)