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Consultation on Top-Up Funding for children and young people in North Somerset

North Somerset Council has issued their [consultation on proposed changes to the arrangements for Top-Up Funding](#).

The proposals in this consultation could have a significant impact on the way that funding is allocated for children and young people with SEND and we would like to encourage you to engage with the consultation process. The SEND network will also be considering the proposals.

The consultation closes at 13:00 on 7th April, and the outcome is due to be published on 1st June.

Admissions Policies

The admissions policies for 2024-25 are now available on the LSP website [here](#).

Risk Management Training Session

School governors are reminded that there is a Risk Management training session on the 23rd March at 18.00. It is a virtual meeting and will run until 19.30, and is highly recommended. If you haven't already received an invitation to this meeting and would like to attend please contact your LGB clerk or Christopher Hills, LSP Governance Officer - chills@lsp.org.uk.

HANS Conference 2023

Please find information below from the HANS Committee. The Central Team has agreed to fund 50% of the early bird members fee for attending the conference:

Please be advised that bookings are now open for the 2023 HANs two day residential Headteachers' conference (although there are options for one-day attendance). We have an exciting line up this year, including Mary Myatt, Aisha Thomas and Betsy De Thierry along with the usual opportunities to connect and network with colleagues from across North Somerset. We are again at the beautiful Cadbury House Hotel and are really looking forward to two days of quality CPD. There are reduced rates for members and tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite [HERE](#). If you are not a member but would like to benefit from reduced rate tickets, please contact jralfs@yattonschools.co.uk to organise membership. We are looking forward to seeing headteachers for the conference on May 18th and 19th!

Vacancy: KS1 Teacher

Stanton Drew Primary School is recruiting for a Full-Time Teacher for EYFS and Key Stage 1 (combined class). Applications are welcomed from both experienced and less experienced colleagues. The successful applicant will begin post on 1st September, 2023 or earlier if possible. (Please note, this post is not suitable for NQTS). Because of the timescales, the school will also need a fixed-term/temporary teacher to cover from 1st May to the end of July.

Please share with your school communities. Click [here](#) for more info.

NEU Strike 15th and 16th March

Thank you for the planning and preparation you have done to be ready for the two days of industrial action this week. We understand the additional workload this has placed on school leaders. Please can you complete the form below so we know the impact of the strikes this week: <https://forms.office.com/e/53tgZJT2P2>

Primary School Improvement Offer Summer Term

Thank you for your feedback on the proposed offer for the summer term. There will be one peer review triad. Members of the SI team will contact all other schools before the end of this term to confirm school improvement partners and any changes to visit dates.

Primary Standards Meetings

You will have seen that the STA has pushed back the release of KS2 results to 11th July. We will therefore have standards meetings with all schools on the 17th and 18th July (apologies that this is so late in the term). These will be online and involve the SI team, Headteacher and Chair of Governors. Diane will be contacting you to book these meetings.

Janine



Trust Primary Curriculum Development Leaders

To lead our ongoing curriculum development work, we are looking to create a team of curriculum experts through the appointment of Trust Curriculum Development Leaders in the following areas:

- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Early Years

We are in the early stages of creating subject specific development plans and job descriptions, but key areas of their cross-trust work will include:

- Leading the curation and development of current LSP curricula
- Developing new curriculum resources
- Leading networks and workshops
- Preparing support materials for teachers to enhance subject knowledge
- Leading CPD in schools and across Trust

Each post holder will be given a TLR on a one year basis and will have funded time out of their school to work at trust level (between 9 - 12 days over the rest of this and next academic year).

This is an exciting opportunity to shape the development of our already strong primary curriculum and work across schools in our Trust. Teachers taking on this role will be, or will apply to be, an LSP Consultant Teacher. They should have a strong understanding of curriculum development, teacher CPD and know our LSP curriculum well.

If you have members of your staff team who are passionate about curriculum and would like to find out more information, please ask them to contact [Janine Ashman](#).

UKLA/OU Reading for Pleasure Quality Mark

The UKLA is excited to announce that they have partnered with the Open University to launch their new Reading for Pleasure Quality Mark. They have been working on the development of the Quality Mark for over a year, establishing and piloting an evidence-informed Audit Framework and evaluating the support process with schools from across the UK.

They are now sharing the QM opportunity nationally and inviting interested primary schools to join them at a CPD event on 20th April to participate and find out more about how you can gain recognition for the hard work and achievements of pupils, teachers and the whole school community by establishing, embedding and enriching the impact of your reading for pleasure provision.

More information about the event can be found here: <https://ukla.org/news/ukla-ou-quality-mark/> and you can book your place at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=38360&>

2023 Primary Assessments

The STA have now published KS1 and KS2 Test Administration Guidance documents . They are here:

[Key stage 1 tests: test administration guidance \(TAG\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Key stage 1 tests: modified test administration guidance \(MTAG\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

[Key stage 2 tests: test administration guidance \(TAG\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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FINANCE UPDATES

GAG Statements for 2023-24

GAG statements for North Somerset schools are now available on the DfE's document exchange. IMP will be updated and a copy of the GAG statement will be downloaded and emailed to schools.



2023 HANS CONFERENCE

THE HEART OF EDUCATION

A photograph of two hands, palms facing each other, with fingers curled to form a heart shape. The hands are dark, and the heart opening is filled with a bright, warm light from a setting or rising sun, creating a silhouette effect. The background is a soft, orange-hued sky.

Day 1- Mary Myatt- *A beautiful curriculum*
Aisha Thomas - *Representation matters*

Day 2- back by popular demand, Betsy De Thierry
And an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues

18th and 19th of May at Cadbury House Hilton Hotel

HANS (Heads Assoc. of North Somerset) is your association, set up over 15 years ago to promote education through collaboration & exchange of ideas and to provide mutual support for heads. The HANS AGM is held prior to dinner on Day 1. The annual residential conference offers a unique professional development opportunity to reflect on a range of topical issues facing all heads at this time, to think strategically and to network with colleagues

BOOK ONLINE NOW

REDUCED RATES FOR HANS MEMBERS- DETAILS UPON BOOKING