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LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Introduction

Dear all,

This week we have been hosting visiting Fellows from The National Institute of Teaching's (NlOT) CEO Programme. The experience of describing to peers what we do and why we do it is a powerful tool for reflection. It says much for the progress that we have made together that I feel confident in presenting our Trust as a mature organisation with great strengths. That is not to say that there are not areas where we need to improve, because of course there are, but we have grafted hard to create the systems and ethos that enable our mutual flourishing. Carla, Peter and Neil from the NlOT programme are joining us at the Headteachers' Meeting this morning (Wednesday) and that will allow them to see the real engine room of our culture where we develop our thinking and deepen our knowledge to support improvement in our schools.

I had a similar opportunity to recognise the progress that we have made at this week's Audit and Risk committee. The auditors delivered their report on our financial statements for the year 2023/24. Once again we had a very positive picture presented of the controls and approach that we take to ensure the financial health of the Trust. We also had excellent feedback on the quality of work delivered by our finance teams both in the central team and in schools. The auditors opened this up into a judgement on the capacity of the Trust and described their confidence in our well-scaled and very capable Central Team to support further growth. This was a moment of pride for me in what my colleagues are achieving. Really well done to Louise Malik, Natalie Fear and everyone who has contributed to what was our sunniest ever Audit Report. Even in last year's difficult financial climate we have exercised discipline and skill in delivering this core function. Great work!

As ever,

Gary



Reminder: Early December pay day date

A reminder that the pay day date for December is Friday 20 December. Please ensure colleagues are aware of this change.

Admission Arrangements for 2026-27

A few things to update you on/make you aware of regarding Admission Arrangements for 2026-27:

LSP Admission Arrangements

These have been drafted for 2026-27 and will be considered by Trustees at their meeting next week. We will not be running a public consultation on these as no significant changes have been made.

You will be updated when these are published on the LSP website in the Spring.

Consultations in the local area

A number of schools in both North Somerset and BANES are running consultation on their 2026-27 Admission Arrangements.

You can [click here to view the information](#) on these consultations should you wish to review or respond to any of them.

Reminder: Sign up for Trust-wide SBM/OM meeting

Please ensure [you have signed up](#) to the Trust-wide SBM/OM in-person meeting by 9.00am on Tuesday 10 December.

The in-person meeting is taking place on Tuesday 17 December 8.25am for an 8.45am start at Gordano School. Breakfast will be provided and we will finish by 11:00am.

Louise Malik, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

School Stage available

Hannah More and Grove currently have a school stage that is no longer used, that they wish to donate to another school. The stage packs away and measures around 2 by 1.5m when stored. If any school is in need of a stage, or would like any further information, please phone 01275 851127 or email school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk for details.

UK National Child Abuse Image Database (CAID)

The UK Home Office's CAID team is working with Camera Forensics and the Global Emancipation Network to develop the UK Uniform Intelligence Hub (UIH). This database helps identify and safeguard children depicted in indecent images online by matching school uniforms to specific schools. Jess Phillips MP has written to all local education authorities about this database and North Somerset Council mentioned it in their latest Noticeboard.

Schools will be able to support this initiative by uploading images of their uniforms to the secure Camera Forensics portal. Local police or Camera Forensics representatives will contact schools to facilitate this process. This would apply to all LSP schools as it is a UK-wide initiative and participation is a crucial step forward in protecting children from online sexual abuse.

LSP Geography Curriculum: Staff Voice Gathering

Headteachers: Please pass this message on to staff in your school

Following on from the revisions to the LSP History Curriculum, we are about to begin the process of updating the LSP Geography Curriculum ready for launch in September 2025. Beth Brown (Trust History and Geography Leader in the primary phase) and I are in the very early stages of looking at this and would really like to from geography leaders and staff who want to give their views.



On **Thursday 12 December at 4.00pm** we will be holding an online open session to gather staff voice. The topic will be:

What needs to be considered in the revised LSP Geography curriculum and why?

What are seen as strengths in the current curriculum and what are the areas for development?

If you would like to come along and give your views please use [this link](#) to sign up for the MS Teams meeting.

Neil Lankester, Director of School Improvement

RPA Survey

The deadline to complete the RPA survey was Thursday 28 November. Schools were emailed (via SBMs/OMs) detailed information regarding this, including answers for certain questions. This is so the RPA can assess risks, ensure minimum standards are being met and identify training needs.

Thank you to those schools who have confirmed completion. Any remaining schools, please could you email [Trust Services](#) to confirm this action has been taken.



Upcoming Clerks' Network

The final Clerks' Network for Term 2 will take place on Wednesday 11 December at 1.00pm.

The MS Teams invitation and link will be sent directly to Clerks. Please join us to discuss the Term 3 LGB agenda, how to best support your school with Ofsted and any other issues you wish to raise.

If you have any questions please email [Chris Hills, Governance Professional](mailto:Chris.Hills@education.gov.uk).

Changes to your Local Governing Body

Thank you to those of you who submitted changes to your LGB by Monday's deadline. These will be discussed at the Trustees' meeting next week and letters will be shared with Clerks before the end of term.

Please do continue to log any changes to your LGBs on [the online form](#) - the next Trustee review is March 2025.

If you have any questions please contact [Chris Hills, Governance Professional](mailto:Chris.Hills@education.gov.uk).

Governor CPD: Financial Reporting Webinar

Thank you to those who attended the Financial Reporting Webinar on Monday 25 November – we hope you found the session helpful.

The recording of this webinar can be found on Foldr (LSP Communications\Workshop Presentations\Financial Reporting for Governors Nov 24) or you can [click here](#).





Upcoming Lighthouse Learning Sessions and CPD Networks

Please email [Lighthouse Learning](mailto:info@lighthouselearning.co.uk) if you have any questions about the below events.

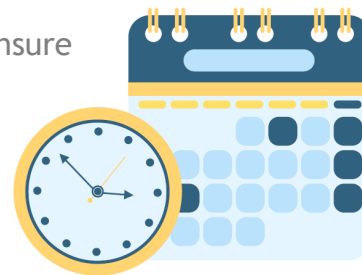
Agendas, Teams links (if required) and other resources will be emailed one week in advance of each network. The full programme of Lighthouse Learning CPD on offer for 2024-25 can be found on the [LSP website](https://www.lighthouselearning.co.uk).

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Wednesday 4 December 3.30-4.30pm	SEND Webinar on ADHD Click here to register for this webinar	All
Wednesday 4 December 3.30 - 5.00pm	LSP History Curriculum—Tranche 2 Primary Schools To sign up for the webinar click here	Primary Heads and staff
Wednesday 4 December 6.00-6.45pm	Governance CPD: Nurture and SEND Click here to register for this webinar	Governors
Wednesday 11 December 3.30 - 5.00pm	LSP History Curriculum—Tranche 2 Primary Schools To sign up for the webinar click here.	Primary Heads and staff
Thursday 12 December 4.00pm onwards	LSP Geography Curriculum: Staff Voice Gathering Click here to sign up or this session	Primary Staff



KEY DATES, DEADLINES & REMINDERS

These reminders do not replace the LSP Annual Planner so please ensure you are checking this regularly (link on next page).



Key Dates

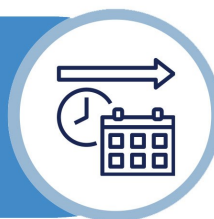
DATE	INFORMATION	FAO
Monday 9 & Tuesday 10 December	Central Finance Team to update IMP with CSBG and national insurance information.	SBMs/OMs & Heads
Tuesday 10 December @ 9.00am	Deadline to sign up for Trust-wide SBM/OM meeting on Tuesday 17 December. Click here to confirm your attendance	SBMs/OMs
Tuesday 17 December 8.25-11.00am	Trust-wide SBM/OM meeting @ Gordano School	SBMs/OMs



Please note the following links will only work for those who already have access to the relevant site or folder. If you feel you need to be given permission to access something please [let us know](#).

Annual Planner 2024/25

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(Via Sharepoint)



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