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Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

We are finishing what has been a very busy term on a real burst of activity. This bulletin is as packed as ever with opportunities for us to share practice and learn from each other. It is also good to see another block in our primary curriculum being set in place with the geography scheme of learning. Our 'flourishing in partnership' strapline is not just rhetoric but describes the reality of our trust being more than the sum of its parts. We don't just add up the collective wisdom of the schools but interacting with each other adds an additional dimension which is often easiest to identify when we meet together and the thinking and challenge goes to that next level.

I am really hoping that Friday's conference will be one such occasion. I have just read the plan for interaction and feedback between more than a thousand people in the afternoon session. This feels like the most ambitious lesson plan ever written. I'm sure that it will be epic.

I would like to flag our work with Horfield CE Primary School in Bristol. We have been supporting Horfield in school improvement work funded by the DfE. I have also obtained consent from the Board of Trustees for them to join our Trust. Diocese of Bristol have also consented and we expect DfE approval in 27th February. We hope that they will join us in the summer.

Our plan is to have a Bristol hub of about 6 or 7 schools but I do not envisage our expansion going on forever, as we are reaching the capacity that we can support without a restructure. The financial stability that we have has been hard won and puts us in a position of not requiring either a merger or major expansion of the Central Team. That is a strong situation relative to so many other Trusts and I am very confident in our strong services, ethos of collaboration and financial efficiency. The next phase for us is inwards: continuing to build excellent teaching and curriculum in every school.

Lastly, we held a three day headship interview process at Backwell School last week and appointed Will Penny, currently Deputy Head at Bournside School in Cheltenham. Will comes to us with a strong track record of school improvement and excellence and will be able to sustain and develop Backwell's many strengths. I look forward to working with him next year.

As ever,

Gary Lewis, Chief Executive

Upcoming LSP Headteachers' Meeting

Our next Headteachers' Meeting is taking place on **Wednesday 5 March** at 8.30am - 12.30pm at Nailsea Baptist Church.

The calendar invitation, and agenda, will be circulated in the first week of Term 4.

New members of the LSP Trust Board

We are delighted to inform you that two new Trustees have been recruited and will be joining our board from the end of February 2024.

They are:

- **Justine Stafford.** Justine has been Chair of a LSP LGB (Backwell and West Leigh) and works in strategy within the finance sector.
- **James Townsend.** James is well renowned within the education sector (and will be speaking at the 14 February conference!) and is Executive Director of the [Reach Foundation](#).

They are currently undertaking the induction processes and so more information on them will follow. They will be fantastic additions to our Trustees and we are looking forward to working with them.



Consultation on the updated LSP Geography Curriculum in the Primary Phase

Before Christmas we met with a group of Geography leaders from across the Trust to ask for feedback on strengths and areas for development in the current LSP Geography Curriculum or in the curriculum schools are currently using ahead of our rewrite

ready for September 2025. Following this meeting Beth Brown and I have updated the long-term planning and have written the medium-term plans from EYFS - Year 6.

We would now like to consult on these and gather feedback before we move ahead and write the short-term planning and resources.

We would like to invite all Geography leaders from primary schools across LSP to an online session on **Thursday 6 March** from 3.45 - 4.45pm. In order to attend your leader will need to [sign up here](#) to receive a link to the session.

Ahead of the meeting it would be helpful for your leader to review the [documentation here](#) and gather feedback from staff ready to come and share this with us.

Please pass this message on to your Geography Lead so they have the opportunity to attend.

Neil Lankester, Director of School Improvement



The Geography Curriculum at Lighthouse Schools Partnership



Data Protection Workshop - Wednesday 26 March

As part of our ongoing work to produce a Record of Processing Activity for all trust schools, One West will be hosting a Data Protection workshop on **Wednesday 26 March** at 10.00am on Teams. Invites have been sent to School Business Managers and Office Managers.

By the end of the workshop the aim is for you to understand your responsibilities for the following:

- Third Party Processors
- Record of Processing Activities
- Data Protection Impact Assessments

You will receive an update on the status of the trust wide project and what needs to happen next.

You will also be provided with a guidance document that outlines the steps you need to take when engaging with a third party/deciding whether to procure their services.

At the end of the workshop you will be asked to write a DPIA for one of the systems your school uses (we will tell you which one in advance of the meeting) and so it would be useful to have the relevant paperwork to hand and/or access to your electronic files during the Teams call.



Submission of LGB Minutes

As we come towards the end of this term a reminder to submit your Local Governing Body (LGB) minutes to lgbreturns@lsp.org.uk. Please ensure you are including the RAG rating of comments/concerns at the bottom of each set so these can be reviewed, as scheduled, by Trustees.

If you have any questions, or want some guidance with your minutes/the template please contact [Chris Hills, Governance Professional](#).

Reminder: New Governor Training

As mentioned in last week's bulletin we have New Governor Training Sessions taking place on:

Tuesday 25 February 7.00-8.30pm

Or

Wednesday 26 February 10.-30am-12noon

Delivered by Chair of Trustees and CEO this is an introduction to governance within LSP and is for all new governor and current governor looking to refresh their skills. Each session contains the same content, so you only need to attend one online event.

The MS Teams invitations has been circulated to Clerks.

Clerks - please ensure you have shared/forward the Microsoft Teams Links with any new members of your LGB (since September 2024) so they can attend one of the sessions.

Again if you have any questions please [drop Chris an email](#).





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
Monday 3 March 3.30-5.00pm	Primary Assessment Network Online via MS Teams	Primary Assessment Leads
Tuesday 4 March 6.00-7.00pm	Governor CPD: Pupil Premium Click here to sign up for this webinar	All Governors
Wednesday 5 March 3.30-4.30pm	SEND Webinar: Memory and Processing Click here to sign up for this webinar	All staff
Monday 10 March 1.00-4.00pm	Primary English Network English Hub @ St Peter's	Primary English Leads
Tuesday 11 March 6.00-7.00pm	Governor CPD: Secondary Assessment Data <i>Webinar link to be released shortly</i>	All Secondary Governors
Wednesday 12 March 3.30-4.30pm	Trust-wide Priory Pupils Network Online via MS Teams	Priority Pupils Leads
Wednesday 12 March 3.45-5.15pm	White Rose Maths Mixed Age Webinar: Enable and Extend Link already circulated to attending schools	Specific LSP Schools
Monday 17 March 1.00-4.00pm	Primary History Network English Hub @ St Peter's	Primary History Leads



Upcoming Lighthouse Learning Sessions and CPD Networks

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DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Monday 17 March 1.00-4.00pm	Trust-wide SEND Network Online via MS Teams	SENDCOs
Wednesday 19 March 3.30-4.15pm	Trust-wide Attendance Network Online via MS Teams	Attendance Leads
Wednesday 19 March 7.00-8.00pm Or Wednesday 26 March 10.00-11.00am	Chairs' Forum Online via MS Teams. Link will be circulated by Governance Professional in due course.	Chairs
Monday 24 March 3.30-5.00pm	Primary Science Network Online via MS Teams	Primary Science Leads



EEF Implementation Guidance - Wednesday 26 March

This guidance session is running on **Wednesday 26 March, 12.30 - 3.30pm**, at Nailsea Methodist Church.

The session is being run by Jon Eaton from Kingsbridge Research School and will support school leaders in to understand the updated EEF Implementation Guidance. This is a key session for middle and senior leaders who are leading school improvement projects within their schools.

The deadline for booking your place is 9.00am on **Friday 14 March**.

[Click here to book your place.](#)



Understanding Domestic Abuse training - Clevedon



UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC ABUSE

This training programme will provide you with an understanding of Domestic Abuse. How to Identify domestic abuse, learn the warning signs and have confidence to respond, safely and appropriately.

This programme includes a working knowledge of the Domestic abuse, stalking and 'honour'- based abuse risk identification checklist (DASH) and MARAC.

This training is suitable for practitioners and professionals who have an interest in developing an in-depth knowledge and understanding of Domestic Abuse and how to respond effectively to support survivors.

DATE:
13TH February 2025
or
13th March 2025

TIME:
09:15 - 16:30

VENUE:
Castlewood Offices,
Tickenham Road,
Clevedon
BS21 6FW

LEARNING OUTCOMES;

- Identify domestic abuse
- Understanding DA through trauma lens
- Understanding the legislation
- Identifying domestic abuse
- To be able to respond appropriately to domestic abuse
- Referral Pathways to relevant Services



In line with the North Somerset Partnership Training Model, this training is free of charge to members of the North Somerset Safeguarding Partnership. However it is chargeable to those organisations outside of the partnership.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO BOOK

- Please book a place via CPD online or i-learn.



Understanding Domestic Abuse training - Weston-super-Mare



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DATE:
2nd April 2025
or
3rd June 2025

TIME:
09:15 - 16:30

VENUE:
The Campus
Highlands Lane
WSM
BS24 7DX

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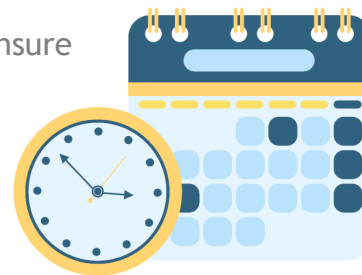
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KEY DATES, DEADLINES & REMINDERS

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



Key Dates

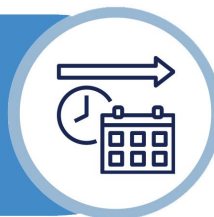
DATE	INFORMATION	FAO
Wednesday 12 February	Return date deadline for Spring Census	SBM/OMs
Friday 14 February	Achieving Equity, Unlocking Potential Conference at Ashton Gate	Heads
Wednesday 5 March	LSP Headteacher's Meeting @ Nailsea Baptist Church	Heads
Friday 21 March	Deadline to submit to Estates Additional Bid Fund requests to Callum Fear .	Heads, SBM/OMs & Estates
End of Term 4	Ensure mid-point review 1 is completed for both teachers and school leaders are completed as per Performance Development Policy	Heads & Leaders



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](#).

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