



NST Newsletter: Monday 6th September 2021

This week's newsletter features the following items:

- Covid health and Safety Update from David Thompson
- Updated Safeguarding Policy Template
- NST Member Meeting dates for your diaries
- Autumn Term Network Meetings
- Booking link for Early Years Agreement Trialling (**1 document attached**)
- It's not too late to order your flu vouchers (**1 document attached**)
- Junior Tax Facts – Free Teaching Resource
- Teach Computing CPD Opportunities
- LA Governor Services Training Programme for Governors
- Science CPD in September (**1 document attached**)

Covid health and Safety Update from David Thompson

On 1st September David Thompson (Schools Health and Safety Manager) circulated an update to Headteachers, which included:

- Updated symptom summary documents (version 8), including a separate document for special schools.
- Template letter for parents in the event of a positive case within the classroom.
- Two documents discussing the issues surrounding covid vaccinations for pregnant staff (you may wish to share these when a member of staff informs you that they are pregnant, or you are aware that that they are not vaccinated).

These documents have been added to our Coronavirus web page should you need to refer to them, which you can find here:

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-resources/>

Updated Safeguarding Policy Template

Lou Maltby and Jo Lawson (two of our fantastic ADSLs) have updated our Safeguarding Policy template, which is now available on the NST Portal for schools to use. You can find it here (password – NST2017):

<http://www.nottinghamschoolstrust.org.uk/safeguarding-policies-and-useful-links/>

Huge thanks to Lou and Jo for updating this document for us!

NST Member Meeting dates for your diaries

Here is a reminder of when our NST Member Meetings are scheduled to take place this academic year:

- **Autumn Term:** Wednesday 10th November 2021, 8.30am to 10.30am
- **Spring Term:** Wednesday 23rd February 2022, 8.30am to 10.30am
- **Summer Term:** Wednesday 8th June 2022, 8.30am to 10.30am

These meetings will (Covid permitting) take place in-person, at The Nottingham Nursery School and Training Centre.

Autumn Term Network Meetings

The following autumn term Subject Leader Network meetings are now available to book; click on the links below to visit our Eventbrite page:

- [Inclusion Network SENCO Surgery – Wednesday 15th September, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)
- [Art Network – Wednesday 22nd September, 3.30pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning Network – Thursday 30th September, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [PSHE Network – Monday 4th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Music Network – Wednesday 6th October, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [RE Network – Monday 11th October, 1.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Diversity Network – Tuesday 12th October, 2.00pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [English Network – Wednesday 3rd November, 1.15pm to 4.00pm](#)
- [Assessment Leads Network – Friday 5th November, 1.30pm to 3.30pm](#)
- [Design and Technology Network – Friday 5th November, 2.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
- [ICT Network – Wednesday 10th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Early Years Network – Thursday 18th November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm](#)
- [Inclusion Network – Wednesday 1st December, 3.30pm to 5.00pm](#)

Further meeting dates will be added over the following weeks once details are finalised; email [Emily](#) if you have any queries.

Booking link for Early Years Agreement Trialling

Caroline Vissani (Local Authority Early Years Specialist) has shared with us the updated booking link for the Early Years Agreement trialling. Follow this link: [Early Years Course Booking - Course Details - Nottingham City Council](#)

Please find attached an updated document which details all the sessions available (please note - some F2 dates have been changed since the previous version was circulated at the end of last term, from July to June).

It's not too late to order your flu vouchers

The best way to help protect yourself and others from flu is to have the flu jab every year. Over time, protection from the flu jab gradually decreases and flu strains can change, which means last year's jab may not protect you from this year's strains. There may also be an increase in flu cases this autumn due to the lack of exposure to the flu virus last winter driven by reduced social interaction.

Getting vaccinated not only protects you from the flu virus, but also reduces the risk of you spreading flu citizens, colleagues and family members. This is still important in a year where flu and Covid 19 will be circulating together.

The Employee Wellbeing Team have managed to secure a second batch of flu vouchers so if you missed out on our early bird offer, we can still offer vouchers.

The flu vouchers are **£10.00** each and can be used at Boots pharmacies. The vouchers are electronic and can be emailed or sent via text to the employees – or if preferred, we can send them as a batch to your named point of contact. If you would prefer them to be sent out directly to individuals, **please complete the attached spreadsheet.**

Due to the unprecedented demand last year, we are asking for your orders early. If your members of staff require a vaccination, please send an email to the [Employee Wellbeing Team](#) entitled **Flu Vouchers** and put your school name and amount you require by **30th September 2021** to ensure we can order sufficient quantities of vouchers. Vouchers are ready to be released straight away with appointments available from the end of September.

If you have any questions please feel free to give the Employee Wellbeing Team a call on **0115 87 62953** or email ew.admin@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Further information on flu vaccines is available on the NHS website:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/flu-influenza-vaccine.aspx>



Junior Tax Facts – Free Teaching Resource

Marc Walding, Tax Professional at the HMRC Nottingham Office has been in touch to tell us about **Junior Tax Facts** – a free teaching resource that has been developed by HMRC for 8 to 11-year-olds.

- *Junior Tax Facts* explains to children, in simple terms, what tax is and why it is needed - to provide the money for the things that are essential to them, their families, communities and society as a whole.
- The programme consists of a short animated video and is supported by a comprehensive teachers' pack, with lesson plans and interactive exercises, available to view or download from the [Times Educational Supplement website](#). All the material is ready-to-use and available **free of charge**.
- *Junior Tax Facts* has been awarded a Quality Mark by the Personal Finance Education Group, which is given to teaching programmes that are of the highest

educational value, contain accurate and up-to-date information and are engaging and relevant for young people.

- We can sometimes offer HMRC colleagues to deliver these sessions to students in a classroom visit (for free). We are also looking to focus on upskilling teachers to deliver these sessions to their students.

If you would be interested in finding out more about this programme please contact Marc Walding by calling 03000 537102, or email marc.walding@hmrc.gov.uk

Teach Computing CPD Opportunities

The latest Teach Computing online newsletter is available, which details a range of CPD opportunities available. View their newsletter here:

<http://email.stem.org.uk/g/1eXc9sqqW1qNmSMPRYpt616/wv>

LA Governor Services Training Programme for Governors

The Local Authority Governor Services Team are running a number of online training sessions for Governors during the autumn term. Places can be booked via Governorhub, or email daniel.harvey@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

- *The role of the RSHE link governor* - Wed 15th Sept at 6.00-7.30
- *Understanding the Role of the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) governor* - Thurs 23rd Sept at 6.00-7.30
- *Health and Safety* - Tues 28th Sept at 6.00-7.30
- *Roles and responsibilities* - Wed 29th Sept at 6.00-7.30
- *Safeguarding Children; What Governors need to know* - Mon 4th Oct at 6.00-7.30
- *Performance Management of the Headteacher* - Wed 6th Oct at 6.00-7.30
- *Preparing for Ofsted* - Thurs 7th Oct at 6.00-7.30
- *Governors Café and Chatroom* - Mon 11th Oct at 5.30-6.30
- *The governors role in disciplinary and grievance hearings* - Thurs 14th Oct at 6.00-7.30
- *Governor induction/refresh – module 1* - Tues 2nd Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Governor induction/refresh – module 2* - Wed 3rd Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Governor induction/refresh – module 3* - Thurs 4th Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Prevent Duty* - Mon 8th Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *The role of the RSHE link governor* - Tues 9th Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *The Governors Role in effective challenge and support* - Thurs 11th Nov at 6.00 - 7.30
- *The Academies Financial Handbook (for Academy Trustees)* - Tues 16th Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Chairing you governing body* - Thurs 18th Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Finance in challenging times* - Mon 22nd Nov at 6.00-7.30
- *Looked After Children* - Wed 1st Dec at 6.00-7.30
- *Governors Workshop; Pandemic reflections, the learning* - Fri 10th Dec at 10.00-2.00

Science CPD in September

The east Midlands STEM team are running various Science online and face-to-face CPD sessions this month. Please find attached an email which details all the courses available along with the costs and how to book.