

THE HOPE STAFFING UPDATE

The HOPE staff team is continuing to working at home for the time being, in line with Bristol City Council guidance. The best way to contact us is by email. There's a link to our email addresses above. If you don't know who you need to contact, please email thehope@bristol.gov.uk and your message will be forwarded to the correct person.

The HOPE team has been undergoing a reorganisation which comes fully into effect from September. The main change is to the year groups that our Education Advocates will be responsible for. We will also have a new member of staff joining us as an Education Advocate. Details about the updated structure will be sent out in early September.

ESTABLISHMENT PORTAL IN USE FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

As the government is expecting all pupils to be back in education from September, we will be launching the Establishment Portal, The HOPE's new data system, early in the new academic year. A film and written training materials about the Portal will be available for designated teachers (DTs), to support you in using the new system. Drop in sessions will also be organised in early September. At the time of writing, these are likely to be online. Further information will be provided in the first week of September.

If your setting will be having a change of DT from September, please make sure you tell us before this term ends so that we can ensure that the new DT has a login for the Portal. Please email thehope@bristol.gov.uk giving the name of your setting, the new DT's name and their email address.

In the meantime, PEP documents and any accompanying paperwork should continue to be securely emailed to thehope@bristol.gov.uk

Designated Teachers for CiC are the only people who are being set up as users for the

'Children in Care' part of the Establishment Portal. If, in addition to the DT for CiC, your setting needs to provide another staff member with access to Children in Care or Care Leaver records in the Portal, we can set up more than one account for your setting. Please request an additional account user via email to thehope@bristol.gov.uk, so that we have a clear audit trail of who has access. We need the person's name, role, work email address and the reason why they need to have access. Please include the name of your establishment if it is not included in your email signature.

You are welcome to request an additional account user prior to going live, but please note we will hold all such requests until the system is live as we need to prioritise DTs' access. Those settings that have already requested access for an additional user do not need to resubmit a request as we have a record of the requests received. Additional user access will be actioned promptly once the system is live.

Please continue to ignore any emails about the Establishment Portal that are sent to all users by the Helpdesk as we are not using the Portal for The HOPE's students yet.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

The killing of George Floyd in the USA led to protests around the world and brought back into sharp focus the issue of racism in society. Our young people may be feeling confused, unhappy and anxious as a consequence. An opportunity to discuss the issue and enable them to process their emotions can be very supportive. 'A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter' is being circulated with this Newsletter.

MY BOOKS AND LETTERBOX CLUB

We very much hope to be able to start both of our well-loved book projects in September. Carers, social workers and DTs for the young people who will be taking part will be contacted as soon as possible in September

if we are able to go ahead. Both projects run for six months.

TRAINING

Designated teachers: We are planning to hold a face to face training session on 1 October. Provisional timings are 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. and the venue is likely to be Bridge Professional Development Centre.

We will confirm this nearer the time but if you would like to book a place, please email Aleksandra.baranska@bristol.gov.uk

Let her know your:

- name
- role
- which setting you are from
- specific dietary requirements that you have

If you're booking for someone else, please get their permission. This is to give us their name and email address in case we need to contact delegates.

Places will be filled on a first come, first served basis as spaces are limited.

We will put further information about The HOPE's training for designated teachers and named governors on our [training web page](#).

Social workers will find information on the Source, Bristol City Council's intranet and **carers** via the [Fostering website](#).

All new to Bristol social workers and student social workers are asked to participate in an introductory session to find out about the work of The HOPE Virtual School, what we do to promote the education of Bristol's children in care and care leavers and our links with social care. If there are enough people needing to have an introduction to the work of The HOPE, we will look at organising online sessions. Please contact [Bev Leeson](#) to find out more.

Specialist Reading Teachers (for South West schools)

Bristol's Trading with Schools team is offering an opportunity for the Literacy Lead Teacher/SENCo to be trained as a Specialist Reading Teacher to lead on reading and oversee whole school support for children struggling with literacy. As we know, it's probable that literacy will be an area of learning that has suffered over the past few months. The opportunities for teaching & learning within literacy could be key in re-engaging pupils back into school life.

Training would be provided in a suite of evidence based intervention programmes over the course of 18 months. These include Running Record & Benchmark Training, A-Z of Literacy, Boosting Reading @ Primary, Inference Training and Reading Recovery. The teacher will need to have a minimum of three years' teaching experience and have the capacity to be out of class 0.6. The training will begin from September 2020 and this can run alongside class responsibilities but the teacher will need to be available to teach out of class from January 2021.

The key issue at this time, as we all know is positive mental well-being and the road to recovery. Having a member of staff trained to this level would be supportive for the whole staff and school community. Literacy will be an essential factor in pupils feeling ready to tackle the rest of the curriculum.

To find out more please contact [Debbie Miles](#) or [Cerys Stevens](#)

We hope you all have a good Summer and manage to get a break. Please stay safe and keep well. Thank you very much for all you do for our young people. We hope to see you in September.

For more information about anything in this newsletter or any feedback please leave a voicemail for Bev Leeson on (0117) 90 36282 or email beverley.leeson@bristol.gov.uk.