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CiC PUPIL PREMIUM COMPLIANCE

The final deadline for CiC Pupil Premium compliance for the 2020-21 financial year is 18 December.

In order to be compliant, the following need to be on the Establishment Portal by that date:

- Autumn 2 attainment/progress data
- up to date attendance data (if your establishment's attendance data is not given to Bristol City Council and your setting is not contacted by The HOPE's commissioned provider)

You also need to have securely emailed to [The HOPE](#) an up to date Personal Education Plan (PEP) from your setting (up to date means on or after 1 September 2020).

In addition, The HOPE needs to have judged up to date PEPs from your setting as good or better. Specifically, the Pupil Premium information must have sufficient detail to be judged as good.

THE HOPE STAFFING – UPDATE

The HOPE team is continuing to follow Bristol City Council to work at home wherever possible. Please continue to invite us to attend online meetings.

Email is the best way to contact us - please see the link above for our email addresses. The voicemail is being listened to regularly however so, if you don't have access to email, please leave a message on the number shown above and we will return your call as soon as possible.

REMINDER ABOUT UPDATED PERSONAL EDUCATION PLAN (PEP) FORMS

We are still receiving some PEP forms that are no longer current. The latest forms are available to download from our [PEP web page](#). Please check that you are using the correct (2020) version of the form.

'TICK THE BOX' CAMPAIGN

The Fostering Network is running a [campaign](#) to encourage care experienced young people applying for further and higher education courses to say they have spent time in care. There is a box on the UCAS form to indicate that they have spent time in care. Ticking the box gives them access to support. The support available will depend on the college or university they are applying to. Please let your young people know about this and encourage them to 'tick the box'.

THE MARY PALMER POETRY COMPETITION 2020

Thank you very much to everyone who served up a delicious poem on the topic of 'Food' for this year's poetry competition. We've reached the judging stage, so the judges are now digesting all the entries. The winners will be announced soon. Good luck to all this year's poets!

THE HOPE CREATIVE ONLINE

The HOPE Creative Online offers an online music programme for children in care aged 6 to 18 in Bristol. It has been set up in response to the Coronavirus outbreak to give existing and new

participants access to music making opportunities. **The HOPE Creative team is currently able to offer online one to one music sessions free of charge.** If the young person already attends HOPE Creative they will do their best to pair them with one of the regular tutors. If this isn't possible, they will find an alternative tutor with similar skills and experience. All the tutors are qualified, highly experienced and DBS checked.

The online lessons are tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of each young person, so a phone call will be arranged before the matching takes place.

There's no need for the young person to choose a specific instrument, although they are welcome to do so if they wish to. No specific musical equipment is needed either. Lessons could be creative and exploratory, or focus on developing skills, or a combination.

Online lessons are held between 9am and 7pm, Monday – Saturday. A one hour slot will be booked and the length of time can be agreed with the tutor. Lessons are booked per double term.

Since starting to run these online sessions, many of the young people have really progressed, not just musically, but also in confidence. The HOPE Creative team can discuss how to make this format work for the needs of your child.

Occasional lessons will be joined and observed by a member of the Bristol Plays Music team for quality monitoring and safeguarding purposes. A child's social worker will also have the opportunity to attend any sessions should they wish to.

Online lessons will be delivered on Microsoft Teams or Zoom, depending on individual preference and safeguarding needs. There is no additional cost to using Microsoft Teams or Zoom for Online Lessons.

What do you need?

To join HOPE Creative Online you will need the following:

- access to the internet with either a good Wi-Fi connection or a wired ethernet connection
- a minimum internet speed of 8 Mbps download / 1.5 Mbps upload. [You can test your internet speed here](#)
- a computer/laptop or tablet (iPad, Galaxy Tab etc) with a built-in camera or webcam with microphone for audio/visual. It's possible to use a smart phone but the team don't recommend it.

Join HOPE Creative Online

To find out about enrolment eligibility, or if you have any questions, please email bookings@bristolplaysmusic.org

To register your interest, email bookings@bristolplaysmusic.org or lu.bristow@bristolbeacon.org. Please specify that you are looking to find out more information on HOPE Creative. After your expression of interest has been received, one of The HOPE Creative team will contact you to arrange the best way to move forward. Once registered for the lessons a 'How to Guide' for Parents/Carers will be sent, explaining how the tutor will schedule the lessons.

Please check the Terms and Conditions and Code of Conduct before commencing lessons: [Virtual Academy Terms and Conditions for Parents Oct 2020](#)

TRAINING

The HOPE runs training for designated teachers, named governors, social care staff and carers. Our training covers the Early Years upwards and we have courses that focus on both CiC and previously looked after children (PLAC) and ones that focus solely on PLAC.

Up to date information about The HOPE's training for designated teachers and named governors is available from our [training web page](#).

Social workers will find information on the Source, Bristol City Council's intranet and **carers** via the Fostering Focus Newsletter.

As this most unusual year draws to a close, everyone at The HOPE sends our thanks and best wishes to you all. We will see you virtually or in reality in 2021.

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