

Dear Colleagues,

HOPE Headlines – 2021/22 Term 4

Welcome to new readers and welcome back to all those who continue to work in partnership with us to support Bristol's children in care at all educational stages, from Early Years to University.



Each term we use the HOPE Headlines to share key updates and reminders with you to support our work together.

We want to thank all the schools who met our compliance deadline last term and we have been pleased to see an increase in the number of schools being able to access the funding for pupil premium. We are aware that there are many pressures in school, however, by giving us this data we have been able to gather from the information received ensures that we are able to target additional support to the young people who need this.

We are also pleased to have been able to give additional financial support to schools who were successful in their bids for up to £1000 per pupil. Our advocates look forward to hearing the impact of these in the next PEPs.

Best wishes,
The HOPE Team

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[The HOPE has information and guidance online](#)

1. Transitions:

We ask all our partners to contribute to high quality transition planning for children in care; with particular focus on standard transition points – starting Early Years; Early Years to Primary School, Key Stages within Primary, Primary to Secondary and Secondary into Post-16.

All our year 6 pupils should now have been allocated a school place for September and these should have been accepted by Social Workers. Our Early Years children will be hearing about places in April and our year 11's should have made applications but if this has not happened for some reason, please can we ensure the young people are supported so these are made asap.

We know that transitions can cause additional anxiety for children in care and your thoughtful planning makes a huge difference to successful moves.

2. Compliance for the 2022/2023 financial year:

As we end the financial year, we will be evaluating the compliance criteria for the next 2 rounds of payments. All schools will receive the full details outlined in a letter by May 2022 with the requirements for the next financial year.

We do require schools to continue to add data to the establishment portal for the young people in your setting. The next data drop will be for the Spring 2 data section. Please ensure that you log on and add the current data at the end of this term.

If you require any support around this, please contact the HOPE team on 0117 903 6282 or directly email the advocates.

3. **Designated Teacher Training:**

All these courses are free. To book onto the following training courses please email George Lane, thehope@bristol.gov.uk with your:

Name, email address, role, setting or school, dietary requirements

If you're booking for someone else, you must get their permission first. We will need their name and email address.

Secondary Designated Teacher training: Practical ways to support children who have experienced trauma

A practical course exploring ways to support children who have experienced trauma. Themes such as relationships, emotions, regulation and transitions will be examined at the child, class and whole school level.

Who the course is for:

Secondary Designated Teachers who already have a basic knowledge and understanding of attachment theory.

This training is not intended for anyone who has undertaken the following training or has equivalent knowledge & expertise:

TISUK Practitioner Diploma

Touch Base Attachment Lead Level 4 or 6

KCA Five to Thrive or similar

Date:

31/03/22, 9am to 3.30pm at Bridge Learning Campus, Professional Development Centre

Facilitators:

Dr Susie Macquart, Designated Educational Psychologist for Children in Care

Leanne Bishop, senior Education Advocate. The HOPE Virtual School for Children in Care

Early Years DT

Online briefings via Microsoft Teams:

Wednesday 27 April 2022, 4.30 to 6pm

This session is for Early Years colleagues with responsibility for Children in Care.

Facilitator: Anne Mortimore, Early Years Advocate, the HOPE Virtual School

Each session is limited to 20 participants. You will be sent a link to join the briefing after you register.

4. **SGO Support:**

The SGO team has increased in capacity recently and they are keen to work with schools to provide timely support for special guardians and their children when needed. You can contact the team at special.guardianship@bristol.gov.uk

At our recent training on previously looked after children, DTs also requested to receive the SGO newsletter that is sent out monthly so that they could share this with their families. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the newsletter please email the SGO team directly to request this.

